

Fawaz, Majed open bridge for pilgrims

MECCA, Nov. 4 (SPA) — Prince Fawaz, the governor of Mecca and chairman of the Higher Hajj Committee, and Prince Majed, the minister of municipal and rural affairs, Saturday opened Al-Zaher bridge here.

The bridge is the latest project of an overall plan to permit the free circulation of pilgrims during the Hajj ceremonies.

The princes also inspected the Mansour Street bridge, the road pilgrims cities at Kora and Rie Bakhsb, the civil defense center at Al-Muddaa, the Azizia and Misa bridges, the public security headquarters, the office of the minister of pilgrimage and endowments, the schools of the National Guard, where a tea party was given in their honor, and a government complex and hospital at Muzdalifa and Arafat.

The two ministers were accompanied by Mayor of Mecca Abdul Qader Koshak, who gave a luncheon in their honor at

the Zaher gardens. Public Security Chief Gen. Fayed Al-Awfi and other senior officials and high-ranking officers attended.

Standards

Sheikh Muhammad Al-Ayban, secretary of the National Guard for the Western Province, deputizing for the guard's Commander, Second Deputy Premier Prince Abdullah, Saturday inspected the National Guard units stationed near the holy sites to assess the standard of the services they will provide pilgrims.

He visited the Guard's military and technical schools in Mina and the health units in the holy places, as well as units of the guard at Muzdalifa and the health service center at Mina.

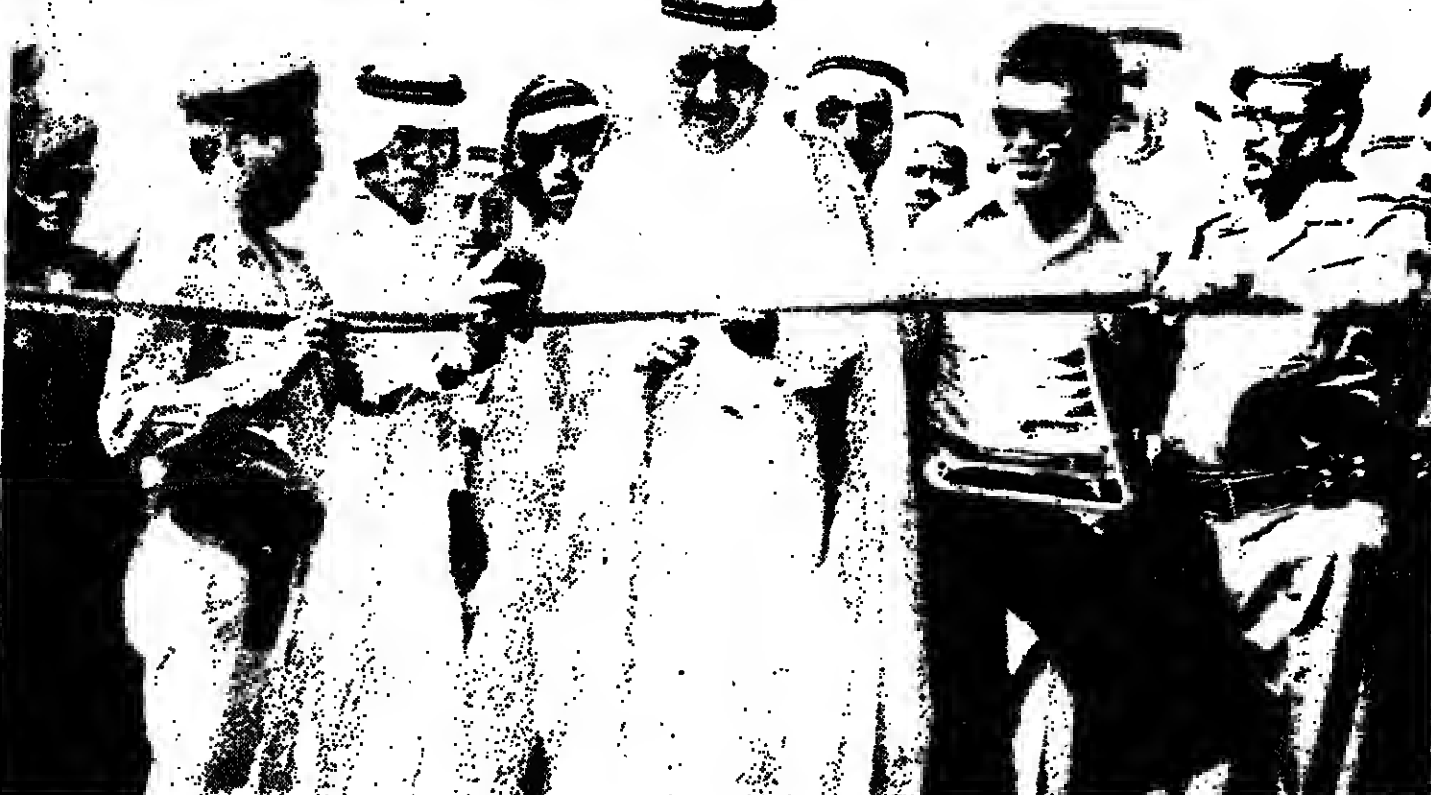
Camping

Also Saturday, Mecca Police Chief Brig. Sadiq Tunisi urged all pilgrim guides Saturday to see to it that all pilgrims are housed in the places allotted to them and not to allow any of them to camp on the road.

He hoped that the police would not have to interfere in this matter, lest severe penalties be meted out to guides who did not comply with instructions.

A special fence will be provided to protect the pilgrim tents in Arafat and Mina from fire, "Okaz" reported Saturday.

According to the paper, Gen. Awfi has asked the pilgrim guides to erect the fence, while Civil Defense personnel will pursue the implementation of his instructions.



NEW BRIDGE: Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz cutting the tape to inaugurate the Zaher bridge for pilgrims at Mecca Saturday.

In supply, health

Cairo weekly lauds Hajj arrangements

CAIRO, Nov. 4 (SPA) — A major portion of the past camp at Mina which is planned to accommodate three million pilgrims has been completed in a short period, the Egyptian weekly "Akhar Al-Yom" said Saturday.

In a full-page article devoted to this year's pilgrimage, the newspaper dealt with the pro-

jects for pilgrim traffic in the holy places, including the 3,650-meter King Faisal Bridge at Muzdalifa, whose first stage was opened for traffic recently.

Leaves

The paper also praised the Saudi government's efforts to provide food and water for the pilgrims, noting that a number of automatic bakeries, producing 3,000 loaves an hour, had gone into service in Mecca and Jeddah this year. Mobile bakeries have also been allocated

to areas where pilgrimage will congregate in large numbers. At the same time, price control teams from the Ministry

of Commerce are inspecting markets to investigate whether pilgrims are being exploited.

Health

As regards medical services, the paper said that a Supreme Health Committee, headed by Health Minister Dr. Hussein Jazairi would attend to pilgrim needs from the moment of their arrival until their departure. The committee is also supervising hospitals and health centers to Jeddah, Mecca, Medina and at the pilgrimage sites. In Jeddah alone, there are 50 doctors, 60 nurses and 30 technicians, the paper said.

Priority

Ambulances and police vehicles, as well as trucks carrying goods, are given priority on the roads as part of the government's security services, the paper said.

Pilgrims total up 15 per cent

JEDDAH, Nov. 4 (SPA) — A total of 787,381 pilgrims had arrived in Saudi Arabia by midnight Friday, it was announced here Saturday — an increase of 104,425 pilgrims, or 15%, over the equivalent day last year.

Of these pilgrims, 469,844 arrived by air, 68,262 by sea and 249,275 by land.

Kaaba custodian receives Kiswa

MECCA, Nov. 4 (SPA) — The new covering for the Holy Kaaba was handed over to its Chief Custodian Sheikh Taha Abdullah Shibi at a special function here Saturday.

The ceremony was attended by Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasi, minister of pilgrimage and endowments, custodians of the Holy Kaaba and a number of other officials. The Kiswa has taken 14 months to weave and cost over SR 6 million in materials, silk and gold and silver thread.

Beirut, Taiwan pilgrims arrive

By A Staff Reporter
JEDDAH, Nov. 4 — A group of Lebanese pilgrims from the Maqasid Islamic Charitable Society of Beirut arrived in Jeddah to perform the pilgrimage at the invitation of the Office of Royal Protocol.

The mission is led by Sami Israr, according to the group's press attaché. Shortly after their arrival in Jeddah, members left for Medina to visit the tomb of the holy prophet.

Over the weekend, a 17-member Chinese mission led by Hajji Ibrahim Feng, a prominent Chinese Muslim social and cultural worker, arrived here for the pilgrimage.

After completing the ritual, the Chinese group will call on Muslim scholars in the Kingdom to exchange views with them, on the promotion of Islamic education, culture and propagation in the Republic of China.

Explosion kills 3 Iraqi Hajjis

JEDDAH, Nov. 4 — Three Iraqi pilgrims died and four were injured when a cooking gas cylinder exploded in a house rented to them in Jeddah, "Al-Bilad" reported Saturday. As a result of the explosion, fire broke out and destroyed a room but was brought under control by firemen.

Gardener hurt by flower-pot

JEDDAH, Nov. 4 — A gardener was seriously injured when a large flower-pot fell on his head in the garden of the Islamic Development Bank, according to "Al-Bilad." The man, Mohammed Hilmi Zaghoul was rushed to hospital where he is reported to be recovering.

Mecca meeting calls for free Jerusalem

MECCA, Nov. 4 — Speakers from Muslim countries at a seminar here Friday called on the Muslim world to strive for the liberation of Jerusalem.

The seminar was the third in a series organized by the Muslim World League based here, and was titled "Jerusalem and Palestine."

The seminar was addressed by Jordan's Minister of Endowments and Islamic Affairs

Ministry tours Abha water unit

JEDDAH, Nov. 4 — A technical committee of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water recently inspected the Abha Water Purification Plant which was completed in 18 months at a cost of SR 10 million, "Al-Medina" reported Saturday.

The project which has been executed by a specialized local company is the first of its kind in the south. It will purify water stored in the reservoir formed by the Abha dam and pump it for drinking purposes.

According to officials, the plant comprises separate buildings for chlorine and chemicals, sedimentation and filter tanks, sprayer units and special chambers for transformers and generators. The plant will also operate a laboratory for water analysis.

Jeddah reports 15 car accidents

JEDDAH, Nov. 4 — Several persons were injured in traffic accidents here Friday, according to "Al-Bilad" newspaper.

Altogether 15 accidents were reported to the traffic police including one accident near the Mecca Road flyover where five persons were seriously injured when two cars collided.

Kamel Al-Sharif, who was elected chairman of the seminar, Abu Hisham, a member of the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization, Saleh Uzzan, a member of the Turkish parliament, Sheikh Abdul Wahab Dukari and Sheikh Hilmi al-Mubtashir.

Jeddah chamber to send mission to Netherlands



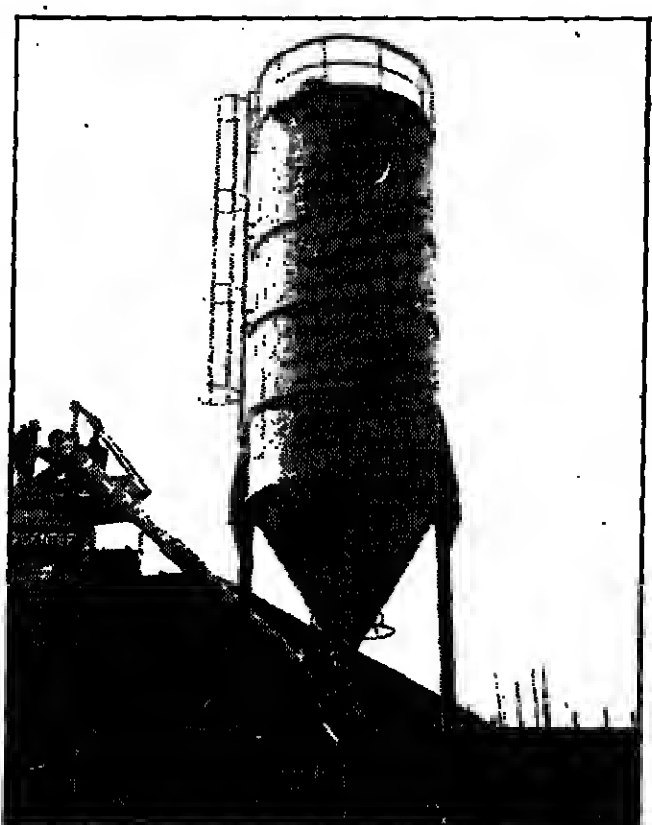
Sheikh Ismail Abu Daoud

JEDDAH, Nov. 4 (SPA) — A delegation from Jeddah's Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by Sheikh Ismail Abu Daoud will leave for Amsterdam Tuesday on a five-day visit to Holland.

The visit comes at the invitation of the Dutch Council for Trade Development. The delegation will seek to foster trade exchanges and technical cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the Netherlands. Abu Daoud and his party will discuss with Dutch businessmen development plans and investment opportunities in the Kingdom and Dutch participation in executing Saudi projects. Holland is to stage a floating exhibition of industrial products here at the end of the month.



GUARD: Sheikh Muhammad Al-Ayban, secretary of the National Guard for the Western Province, greeting guard units which will be responsible for pilgrim security at Muzdalifa Saturday.



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General Assembly debates Monday

Waldheim calls for fresh start on Cyprus

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 4 (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim says that progress toward a Cyprus settlement might require a fresh look at some of the negotiating methods used.

In a report to the General Assembly, which begins its annual Cyprus debate Monday, he called for an effective negotiating process to achieve a just and peaceful settlement.

"This in turn may require a fresh look at some of the negotiating methods used so far and at the restraints implicit in those methods," he said.

Talks between representatives of the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities, begun in 1975 under Waldheim's auspices, have been suspended since April 1977.

The secretary-general said that while both sides accepted the necessity of resuming the negotiations, neither had come up with mutually acceptable proposals.

Waldheim said that, despite lack of progress, the situation in Cyprus had remained quiet, thanks largely to the U.N. peace-keeping force there and the cooperation of the island's two communities.

With an optimistic note, he said the basic positions of the parties were in some respects not as far apart as they might appear at first glance.

Both sides favored an even-

tual withdrawal of foreign troops which the Greek Cypriots wanted to happen at an early stage while the Turkish Cypriots wanted later, as part of a comprehensive settlement.

There had also been a significant measure of common ground regarding suggestions by Waldheim for dealing with certain concrete problems.

Varosha, the new city of Famagusta, has remained largely deserted since Turkish

troops occupied the northern part of Cyprus in the summer of 1974.

Waldheim said: "Both sides envisage the withdrawal of Turkish troops and exclusion of armed personnel of both sides from Varosha, the establishment of a U.N.-supervised interim administration, or at least U.N. control over security and police matters, the resettlement of the Greek Cypriot population in an area to

be negotiated, and the linkage of the above, at some stage, with the resumption of inter-communal talks.

"The principal unresolved issues concern the territorial coverage of the arrangements, the status of the town, the role of the two parties and of the U.N., and the relationship and sequence of the resumption of inter-communal talks, setting up of the interim administration and permanent resettlement of the Greek Cypriots."

Will speak for Turkish Cypriots

Denktash to end boycott of U.N.

UNITED NATIONS, Nov. 4 (R) — Turkish Cypriot leader Kaif Denktash will speak at the United Nations Special Political Committee next Tuesday, ending a two-year boycott by his community of the annual debate on Cyprus.

The Turkish Cypriot observer at the U.N., Nail Atalay, told Reuters: "In view of the possible developments in the future, we want to put everything on the U.N. record."

He declined to elaborate, ex-

cept to say that he was referring to possible political developments.

The Cyprus debate is scheduled to start next Monday in the Assembly plenary where the Turkish Cypriots, not representing a member state, are not allowed to participate.

Instead, representatives of both the Greek Cypriot and Turkish Cypriot communities are given an opportunity to state their case in the Assembly's Special Political Com-

mittee.

But for the past two years the Turkish Cypriots have refused to go along with his arrangement, in protest at being unable to speak in the plenary body where, they maintain, the Cyprus delegation represents only the Greek Cypriots.

Cyprus Foreign Minister Nicos Rolandis will speak at the opening session of the debate on Monday, according to the Cyprus delegation.

The discussion in the plenary will be interrupted the following day while Denktash addresses the Special Political Committee on behalf of the Turkish Cypriots and the president of the Cyprus House of Representatives for the Greek Cypriots.

Denktash is president of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, set up in February 1975 in the northern part of the island occupied by the Turkish Army but not recognised as a state by the U.N.

3 survivors picked up from Gulf rig sinking

BAHRAIN, Nov. 4 (R) — Three more survivors of the offshore oil rig supply vessel *Moonlight Moon*, which sank in the Gulf on Wednesday, were picked up Saturday, the American Jackson Marine Company reported.

The total of those picked up so far was 11, including one dead, but five of those aboard were still missing.

There were Americans and British involved in the incident but the company declined to give names of addresses.

Turkish drugs trial put off, sources assert

ANKARA, Nov. 4 (R) — The trial in eastern Turkey of three Greek men and two British women on charges of drug smuggling has been further postponed until Dec. 8, authoritative sources said Saturday.

They said a second drug case involving a 30-year-old Briton, Alberto Cimino, of Swansea had also been postponed by the same court in the provincial capital of Agri until Dec. 22.

The cases were postponed Friday after brief hearings in which the judges called for further evidence. All six were remanded in custody.

Egypt deports Swiss accused of terror plot

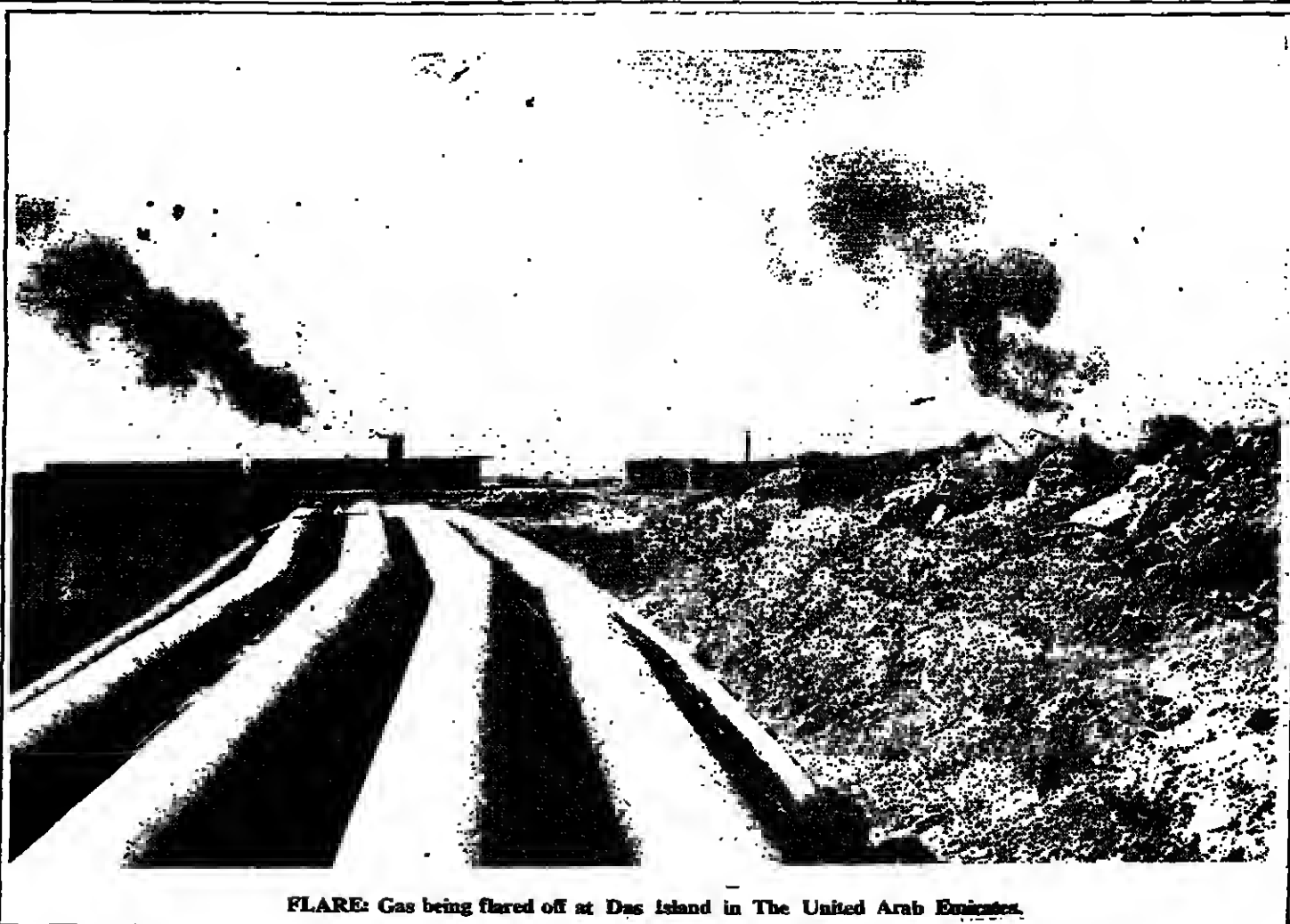
CAIRO, Nov. 4 (R) — Former Swiss television journalist Sergio Mantovani, rounded up last April with 23 other people on subversive charges, was released and deported Saturday, police officials said.

They gave no reasons for the release.

Canada to stay part of UNEF

OTTAWA, Nov. 4 (AP) — Canada will continue participating in the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) along the Egyptian-Israeli ceasefire lines for nine months, the External Affairs Department has announced.

Canadian troops serve with in the Sinai, providing logistics support such as communica-



FLARE: Gas being flared off at Das Island in The United Arab Emirates.

Urges return to civilian rule

Bhutto's party demands early elections

ISLAMABAD, Nov. 4 (AP) — The Pakistan Peoples Party of deposed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto Saturday demanded the "holding of national elections at an early date and transfer of power from the military to elected civilian representatives."

The demand was made in a

resolution adopted at the Central Executive Committee meeting of the party, Bhutto, who is chairman of the party, is in jail, sentenced to death after being convicted of charges that he ordered and aided the killing of a political opponent four years ago. Bhutto has appealed to the supreme court.

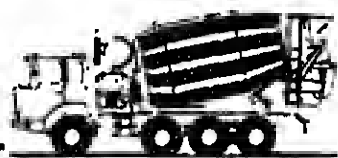
President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq has already announced that national elections will take place sometime between March and October 1979, but has not specified the date. The Peoples Party wants polling to take place by this December, claiming it will be able to make a good showing.

Two weeks ago the party's Central Committee said that 10,000 of its members had been arrested during last month to prevent mass action.

There have been several demonstrations for the release of Bhutto, which have included five suicides by fire.

The Committee also demanded Saturday that Bhutto, as party chairman, should be freed for national elections.

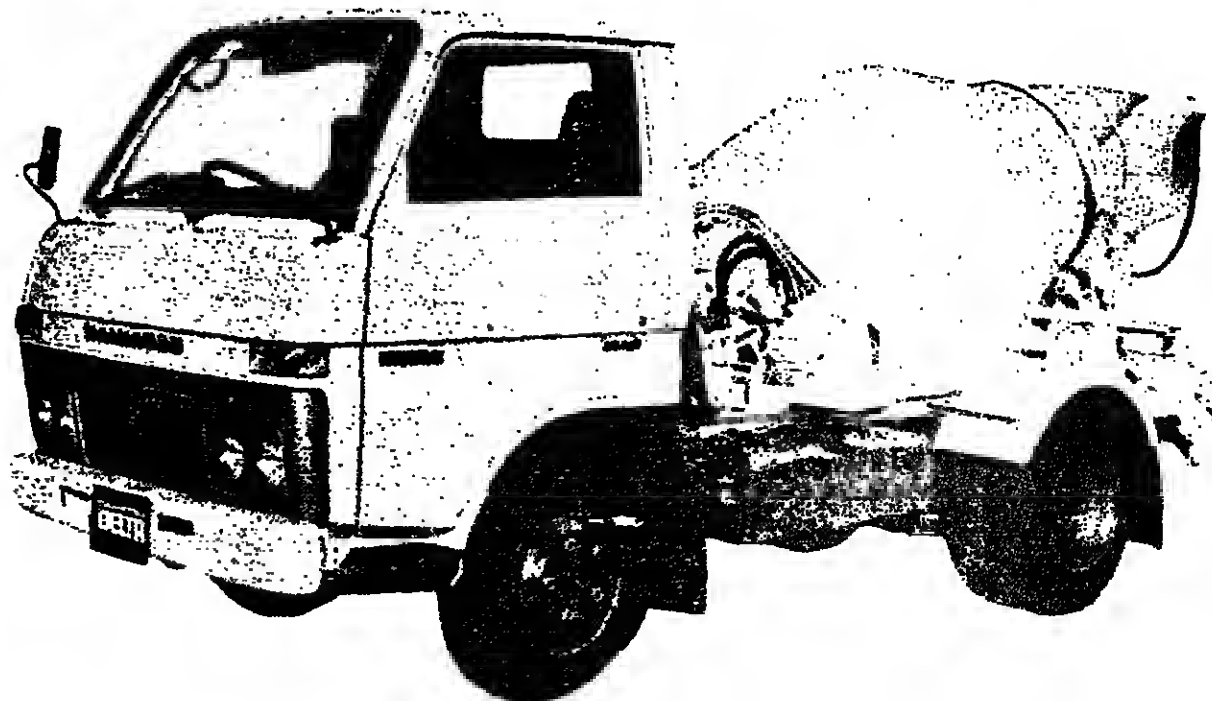
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Carter stumps in western states

Democrats poised for election blitz

PORTLAND, Oregon, Nov. 4 (Agencies) — President Carter, campaigning for Democratic Party candidates in next Tuesday's congressional elections, appealed to Americans to help him to curb inflation.

"All of us have to make equal sacrifices to control rampant inflation," he told a large outdoor rally in Portland.

Carter later went on to Sacramento to campaign for California's Democratic candidates. They include Governor Jerry Brown, a potential challenger for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination.

Carter told an election rally in Sacramento he was giving his support to one of America's great governors, adding: "He's the kind of man who can lead us to an even greater life in the future."

Leading the Republican hope list elsewhere in the country had been New York, where Perry B. Duryea had showed an



Jimmy Carter

early lead in private polls until two weeks ago, but incumbent Democrat Hugh Carey, regarded as the stronger campaigner, moved into the lead in commercial polls last week.

The Republicans may be in serious trouble in another big

state, Ohio. Governor James A. Rhodes has occupied the statehouse there for years and survived uphill battles before, but Democratic challenger Richard F. Celeste, the lieutenant governor, has been tipped as the favorite as election day nears.

The Republicans once had looked to 1978 as a potential banner year in governors' contests, eyeing such other major states as California, Florida, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Maryland and Colorado. But their chances have dimmed if not disappeared throughout that list.

In California, Brown appears to have turned the tax tables on challenger Evelle Younger, the attorney general, and now holds a comfortable lead in the polls.

Maryland and Pennsylvania were both hit with Democratic scandals, but the Republicans' chance to make political hay of that was ruined when Mav-

ericks won the Democratic primaries and seized a chunk of the clean-government initiative for themselves. Republicans think they still have a shot in Pennsylvania, however, where former federal prosecutor Richard Thornburgh is battling former Pittsburgh Mayor Pete Flaherty, the Democrat.

In Florida, millionaire Jack M. Eckerd, 66, the Republican, has hardly been helped by the scandal in the General Services Administration, the federal government house-keeping agency which he twice headed. His challenger is Democrat Robert Graham, who won an upset victory in the primary after working a day at a time at a variety of commonplace jobs in the constituency.

Massachusetts could prove a tight contest between conservative Democrat Edward J. King and Liberal Republican J. Hatch. King upset incumbent Governor Michael S. Dukakis in the primary with an anti-tax campaign.

Republicans probably will have to look to the smaller states in the West for their greatest gains. Republican candidates threatened to replace Democratic incumbents in Nevada, Oregon, and possibly Idaho, New Mexico and Wyoming. Democratic Gov. Richard Lamm of Colorado once appeared vulnerable as well, but his duel with President Carter over the state's water policy has carried him over Republican Ted Strickland.

In Alabama, Democrat Fob James is the clear favorite to replace the retiring George Wallace, who occupied the statehouse for an unprecedented three terms and campaigned several times for the presidency.

Truman sister dies of illness; last of siblings

KANSAS CITY, Missouri, Nov. 4 (AP) — Mary Jan Truman, sister of the late President Harry S. Truman and last surviving member of their immediate family, died Friday. She was 89.

Miss Truman died at her home in Grandview after a long series of illnesses.

She was the last living member of the immediate family in which the president grew up. Truman died Dec. 26, 1972, and their brother, J. Vivian Truman, died in 1965. The former president's widow, Bess, 93, still lives in her home in nearby Independence.

Miss Truman was born in 1889 at a farm near Grandview owned by her grandfather, and lived in the farmhouse until recent years when she moved to a cottage nearby.

She managed the farm when Truman entered the army in World War I and took care of her mother, who died in 1947 at 94.

Thais arrested for poisoning four patients

BANGKOK, Nov. 4 (AP) — Thai police Friday arrested a doctor and two medical assistants and charged them with prescribing poison believed to be responsible for the death of four patients. The police department said Saturday that the three men allegedly prescribed barium nitrate instead of barium sulphate for X-rays.



CHILD LABOR: A Cambodian child works as a machinist in a Phnom Penh workshop, one of the few revived by the regime. This picture was taken by a correspondent of the Kyodo News Service, who recently toured the tightly sealed country. Refugees from Cambodia report stories of harsh repression.

Man wires himself \$10m from major bank in U.S.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4 (R) — More than \$10 million was stolen from a major U.S. bank by a man who gained information about its wire transfer procedures.

The information permitted \$10.2 million to be transferred to an account in a New York bank and converted to the thief's own use, Moody said.

The man involved did not work for the bank and there was no indication that any bank employee was connected with the theft.

He refused to give more details, saying: "There is not much more we can offer without impeding law enforcement efforts or compromising our bank security systems."

He said the financial impact on the bank, which has assets of \$20.5 billion, was insignificant since most of the stolen money was believed to be insured.

Bank Vice Chairman George Moody said it was the victim

Paper scandal envelops South African minister

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 4 (Agencies) — South African Flaral Affairs Minister Connie Mulder has come under strong pressure to resign following disclosure of his alleged part in the country's worst political scandal in 30 years of National Party rule.

Prime Minister Pieter Botha Friday ordered an official inquiry after Judge Anton Mostart said 12 million rand (\$13.8 million) of government money was secretly loaned to fertilizer

magnate Louis Luyt to start up "The Citizen", a pro-government newspaper, in 1976. Dr. Mulder was information minister at that time and he was named by the judge in disclosing the scandal.

"The Citizen" said Saturday it had no intention of closing.

In a statement "Citizen" Chairman Huger Jansen repeated that "there is no government money in the 'Citizen' under my chairmanship". He became chairman when a consortium bought "The Citizen" from Luyt.

"Our intention is not only to continue 'The Citizen', but to extend its activities and influence."

Dr. Mulder is unlikely to consider resigning until after the official inquiry reports his findings to a specially convened parliament on Dec. 7.

Judge Mostart also named Dr. Eschel Rhoodie, top official of the now-disbanded Information Department and former Bureau for State Security (BOSS) chief, General Hendrik van den Bergh, President John Vorster, was also named, but was not linked specifically with the "Citizen" deal.

The "Rand Daily Mail" and other opposition newspapers have been making the same allegations as Judge Mostart for more than a year, and calling for Dr. Mulder's resignation.

Dr. Mulder, one-time heir-apparent to Vorster, lost to Botha in the contest for the premiership in September largely because of the allegations of involvement in the scandal.

Ehrlichman weds N.Y. salesgirl

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (R) — John Ehrlichman Friday married a New York salesgirl he met six months ago in a furniture store.

Ehrlichman, 53, and Christine Peacock McLaurine, 30, were married at a private ceremony and later held a reception at an ice cream parlor owned by her friends.

It was the second marriage for both.

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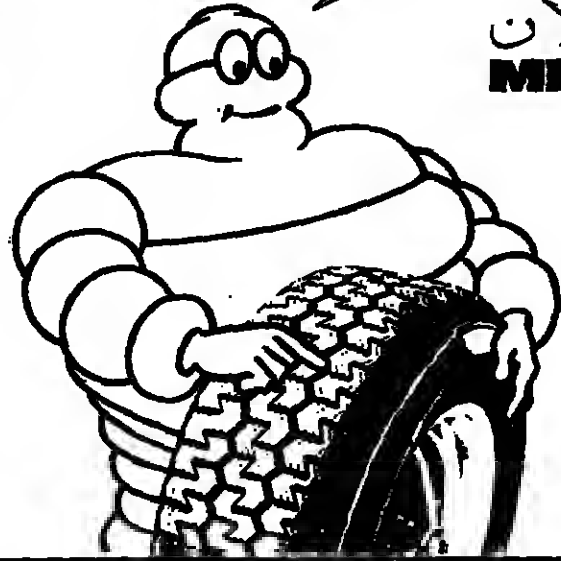
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Western firms inform Japan possible oil reductions

YO, Nov. 4 (AP) — Petroleum and Royal Shell have informed that they may cut supply of Iranian oil by 10 per cent, Kyodo service reported Saturday, government officials here. British Petroleum and Royal Dutch Shell handle about half of Iranian oil supply to Japan, they said. Japan is trying to cope with the situation, which resulted from the Iranian oil workers' strike, by planning more oil purchases from Saudi Arabia and other producers, the report said.

They added that Japan will ask the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that it not raise prices.

OPEC lends Mauritania \$5 million

VIENNA, Nov. 4 (R) — The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has announced a loan of \$5 million to help finance an iron ore project in Mauritania.

The interest-free loan, which carries a 0.75 per cent service charge, is repayable over 20 years after a five-year grace period, OPEC said in a statement Friday.

The loan is the latest allocation from a special fund which OPEC set up in 1976 to aid developing countries hit by rising oil prices.

Iron ore exports account for 80 per cent of Mauritania's foreign revenue and 20 per cent of its tax income, the statement said.



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Viet premier sees record grain harvest

MOSCOW, Nov. 4 (R) — Soviet Prime Minister Alexei Kosygin said Saturday this year's grain harvest was expected to be more than 230 million tons, an all-time record. Kosygin was speaking at a Kremlin rally marking the anniversary of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution.

The previous Soviet grain harvest record was set in 1976 at the total was 223.8 million tons, but last year the figure fell to 195.7 million tons.

Kosygin said Soviet farmers now had the task of ensuring the harvest was completely gathered and none was lost. He made no reference to the expected quality of the grain, but Western experts said it was not very high and that it might make up a considerable portion of the official

The summer and autumn have been very wet in many growing areas.

It was not immediately clear what effect the bumper crop reported by Kosygin would have on the Soviet Union's agreement with the United States to buy between six and eight million tons of American grain annually.

After last year's relatively disappointing harvest, the U.S. sold sales of up to 15 million tons without prior consultation with Washington.

But the harvest, which will be almost 100 million tons more than the total gathered in 1975 and which led to the agreement with the U.S., will give a general boost in the economy.

It is also likely to improve the supply of meat to towns cities which have been suffering from major shortages the past two years.

Western specialists calculate that the Soviet Union needed harvest of some 220 million tons to cover its own needs.

During the 1977-78 June-to-June grain year, it bought 8 million tons from the U.S., but the likely total reported today indicated purchases would be considerably less over next 12 months, the specialists added.

The figure brings the Soviet Union a little closer to its declared aim of producing one ton of grain for each citizen. The population is currently 260 million.

But when put alongside the figures for the past four years so illustrated the fluctuating fortunes of Soviet agriculture.

Weekly Wall Street

NEW YORK, Nov. 4 (AP) — The U.S. government's big gamble to rescue the sinking U.S. dollar has paid off so far for the stock market.

The announcement Wednesday morning of drastic measures aimed at ending the dollar's longslide on foreign exchange markets touched off a record one-day rise of 35 points in the Dow Jones Industrial Average.

And the average went on to post a 17.06 gain in 823.11 for the week, reversing a 100-point slide in the last half of October.

Big Board volume came to 219.83 million shares, the heaviest total since the record of 220.55 million was set in early August.

Most observers agreed that the administration and the Federal Reserve took a calculated risk when they decided on the dramatic step of raising the discount rate a full per-

centage point to 9 1/2 per cent. Their aim in the move, which exerts strong upward pressure on interest rates generally, and to attract international investors into dollar-denominated securities—and at the same time convince skeptical currency traders that the country was willing to take some strong medicine in order to deal with inflation.

But, even though President Carter declared late in the week that his recent inflation-fighting moves needn't lead to a recession, many economists agreed that the increase in interest rates did heighten the chances of a slowdown in economic growth.

That gamble, however, was one that many wall streeters, given their traditionally conservative economic views, wanted the government to take.

In addition, said analyst Charles Jensen at Merkin and Co., "I think the Europeans were very happy about what happened and came into the market in a big way."

After Wednesday's runaway advance, the Dow pulled back nearly 11 points Thursday as investors began to take a more wary approach.

And by Friday interest rates began to show clear evidence of the impact of the government's moves. On Friday morning, New York's Citibank

raised its prime lending rate a half percentage point, to 10 3/4 per cent. Several other banks, which had just finished pushing their basic rates on blue chip loans to 10 1/2 per cent, quickly joined Citibank at the 10 3/4 level.

Jensen noted that the stock market overcame a formidable obstacle in Wednesday's rally—continued forced selling resulting from margin maintenance calls on stock that had been bought using loans from brokers. Declines in such stocks reduce their collateral value against the loans, and when that value is below minimum limits, the broker issues a margin call to the investor involved to put up additional assets.

If the investor is unwilling or unable to comply, the broker then sells stock to liquidate some of the outstanding loan and bring the account back up to required standards.

As wall streeters have known ever since the great crash of 1929, margin calls can significantly aggravate a market decline once it gets underway.

At last count by the NYSE, margin debt outstanding stood at a record \$11 billion plus, in some 990,000 accounts.

Abu Dhabi fund, W. African bank view cooperation

ABU DHABI, Nov. 4 (R)

Officials of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development and the West African Development Bank began talks here Saturday on cooperation between the two organizations, the official Emirates News Agency (WAM) reported.

The agency said the officials reviewed the economic situation in West Africa and the possibility of Abu Dhabi Fund's participation in development programs in the six member states of the African bank.

The bank, with about \$11 million capital, is based in Lome and composed of Niger, Benin, Ivory Coast, Upper Volta, Senegal and Togo.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Opening Saturday	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.29	3.29
Pound Sterling	6.70	6.52
Deutsche Mark (100)	—	173.50
Swiss F (100)	208.00	203.50
French F (100)	76.00	77.00
Italian Lira (1000)	4.10	3.95
Lebanese Lira (100)	113.50	111.75
Syrian Lira (100)	81.50	84.50
Egyptian Pound	4.70	4.66
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.50	12.10
Jordanian Dinar	11.25	11.25
Emirates Dirham (100)	84.00	85.50
Qatari Riyal (100)	84.00	85.50
Bahraini Dinar	8.40	8.55
Iraqi Dinar	10.25	—
Iranian Riyal (100)	46.75	46.50
Yemeni Riyal (100)	72.00	72.25
South Yemeni Dinar	—	—
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	89.25
Indian Rupee (100)	—	40.55
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	33.35
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Silver kg bar	—	—

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Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
* Municipality of Abqaiq	Equipment for sanitation and environmental health for 7879	xx	50	Nov. 28
* Department of Water and Sewage, Medina	Temporary asphaltation of roads leading to new wells in Quba	59-98/99	150	Nov. 28
* Ministry of Education	Building a health unit in Dhuba, Tabuk (first stage)	15M	1000	Dec. 8
* Directorate General of Education, Eastern Province	Providing English language in post-primary schools in Dammam and Abha	1	Free	Nov. 25
* Municipality of Qorayat	Supply and installation of traffic light signals	xx	Free	Dec. 3
" " "	Transportation of scrap vehicles from some of the city streets	xx	"	Dec. 6



SAUDI PORTS AUTHORITY VESSELS MOVEMENTS AT JEDDAH SEAPORT UPTO THE MORNING OF 4TH NOVEMBER 1978

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3	MAIRE BORALE	STAR NAV.	FRUITS	1/11/1978
4	ANNOUNA TSIRIS	O.C.E.	REEFER	1/11/1978
5	TRING YI ISLAND	ALATAS	SORGHUM, MAIZE, CTR.	2/11/1978
6	MINERVA II	ALWANI	CANNED GOODS & A.E.T.	2/11/1978
7	STONEWALL	ALSAADA	GENERAL	2/11/1978
8	JACKSON (BRG)	VENUS	ELC. ODS, PWOOD.	1/11/1978
9	SINCERE TRADER	ALSAADA	CL. PIPE CEMENT, GEN.	3/11/1978
10	ASUNARO	KANOO	STEEL	3/11/1978
11	MAMMOTH	—	FLOUR & RICE	3/11/1978
12	WILLOW	—	—	—
13	BARBERS	SEA	TIMBER, PWOOD.	19/10/1978
14	LOK PALAK	DREI	GENERAL	23/10/1978
15	NOTIS	ALPHA	SUGAR & WHEAT	23/10/1978
16	LUCID STAR	ALSAADA	BOB. SUGAR	23/10/1978
17	—	—	RICE GENBUSES	23/10/1978
18	UNITY REEFER	M.E.S.A.	FRUIT	30/10/1978
19	CHALAMBOIS	A.E.T.	GENERAL	2/11/1978
20	W. PATRAS	O.C.E.	CEMENT	25/10/1978
21	WOL JONG	MEDCO	CONTAINERS	25/10/1978
22	SEATRIN	STAR NAV.	FREEZ. CHICKENS	31/10/1978
23	ROTTEDAM	ALSAADA	BULK CEMENT	3/11/1978
24	SELINA	BARBER	CEMENT	5/11/1978
25	WEDDMENT	ALSAADA	CEMENT	5/11/1978
26	TOKI ARROW	BARBER	CEMENT	17/11/1978
27	ELLEN U (BARGES)	—	—	—
28	MAIRE	—	—	—
29	TEQUILLO	S.A.M.A.	HOTEL SHIP	30/10/1978
30	TILIPINAS SAUDI	OCEAN TRADE	CONST. MATERIAL	30/10/1978
31	MELINA	ALSAADA	GENERAL	31/10/1978
32	PAULINA	M.T.A.	CONTAINERS	3/11/1978
33	NAXOS	GULF	MUSHATE GUM	22/10/1978
34	DENIS M	—	—	—
35	BAKORE	OCEAN	TEA & GENERAL	3/11/1978
36	MALDIVE CARRIER	ALSAADA	REBARS	23/10/1978
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38	MELANUS	—	CEMENT	17/10/1978
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	WILLOW	A.E.T.	GENERAL	23/10/78
	STONEWALL			
	JACKSON			
Barges	JAG DESH	S.E.A.	TIMBER	14/10/78
	REGENT LIBERTY	LOCHIN	SUBCHUM MAIZE	14/10/78
	LEKANA	ALSAADA	CHIMBER	20/10/78
	CITY OF		REBARS	20/10/78
			GENERAL FREIGHTABLE	20/10/78

Senator James Abourezk

By Richard Fyle
WASHINGTON—

The retirement of Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota takes from the U.S. Senate its most free-wheeling figure, a man who took great delight in defying the traditions of that legislative body.

It also removes from Washington the lawmaker who was the leading—if not the only—voice for the Arab cause on Capitol Hill.

Abourezk, who is of Lebanese descent, complained frequently about the "Israeli lobby" and its influence on members of the U.S. Congress. He said the United States is so committed to Israel that that country is able to dictate the course of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East.

And when the Camp David agreements were announced, Abourezk predicted they would "tip the scales overwhelmingly" in Israel's favor and lead to a new surge of radicalism by Arab extremists.

Most importantly, he said the agreements between Egypt and Israel "sold the Palestinians down the river"—meaning they made no attempt to solve the problem that lies at

the root of the Israeli-Arab conflict.

Numerous foreign countries have their own champions in the Senate and House of Representatives. There are lawmakers who are identified with or speak on behalf of Taiwan, Greece and the Greek Cypriots, Nicaragua, South Africa and Rhodesia, Black Africa, Poland and South Korea.

Anwar Sadat, as a result of his peace initiative and the Camp David agreements, has won friends for himself and for Egypt on Capitol Hill. And no individual country has more supporters in the U.S. Congress than Israel.

All of which makes Abourezk's retirement from the Senate more significant.

Unless next Tuesday's election produces one, there appears to be no legislator in either chamber of the Congress to replace the South Dakotan as an outspoken defender of the Arabs. The 47-year-old Abourezk announced early last year that he was "fed up" with the Senate and intended to leave at the end of his term rather than seek reelection.

He said he was frustrated by the difficulty in getting things accomplished, and

found that being a senator kept him away from his family too much of the time. As a parting shot when the 95th Congress adjourned several weeks ago, he said—in typically candid style—that he was "glad to be getting out of this chicken (bleep) place."

There has been some speculation that he might return to Washington, as some other former lawmakers have done, as a lobbyist for causes he advocated. In Abourezk's case, that also includes the American Indians, energy conservation and the breakup of major oil companies.

But aides say such a move by Abourezk is out of the question.

"Jim considers paid lobbying the lowest form of life—halfway creeps," said one aide. "He might come here to represent some as an attorney. But as a lobbyist—never."

Abourezk believes that, although he was a lonely voice, he did manage to get the Arab viewpoint across to some of his colleagues.

"Several of the senators told him they never saw that side of it before," said the aide. (AP)

Belgium's language headache

By Murray Seeger
BRUSSELS—

A motorist leaving Brussels on the main highway to Paris learns from a roadside sign that the next major town along the way will be Bergen, 48 kilometers south.

But the next sign tells him that just ahead is Mons.

Mons and Bergen are different names for the same town. One is used in the part of Belgium known as Wallonia, where French is spoken, and the other is used in the part known as Flanders, where Flemish—essentially the same as Dutch—is spoken.

The two regions are separated by a linguistic border that has existed throughout the 150 years of Belgian independence—and bedeviled Belgian political life from the beginning. Last month, for the second time in five months, the government resigned in a dispute over the language question.

After 50 years of trying, the politicians had thought they were approaching a solution. The major parties had come up with a carefully crafted agreement that was thought to represent the interests of all 10 million Belgians.

Prime Minister Leo Tindemans, whose coalition government had given top priority to solving the problem, resigned for five days in June to force approval of what is called the Egmont Pact.

He resigned again when the Flemish wing of his Social Christian Party balked at plans to implement the pact.

Belgium has contained the seeds of separatism since 1830, when it declared its independence from the Netherlands. For the first century of modern Belgian history, the richer, more sophisticated French-speaking Walloons of the south dominated the poorer Flemings of the north and east.

The Francophones, as they are called in Belgium, moved into Brussels, which lies entirely within the Flemish region. They made Brussels a French-speaking island and perpetuated the notion that all Belgians spoke French.

In 1921, dual-lingualism was

officially recognized, and in 1932 a law was enacted that made Flemish the official language in the north and French the official in the south. Brussels was designated as bilingual.

Walloons dominated the government bureaucracy until after World War II, when the balance of power began to shift. In the last 20 years, economic development has been more rapid in the north. Flemish Antwerp and Ghent, important port cities, developed into a major industrial region.

The French-speaking south, which had depended on coal and steel for its wealth, went into a decline along with neighboring northeast France, Luxembourg and southwest Germany.

Flanders' population grew more rapidly than Wallonia's so that today the Flemings make up 55 percent of the population and the Walloons 33 percent, the remainder being of other nationalities.

In each region the local language predominated and the minority language was hardly used. According to the Flemings, this meant that the French-speakers learned only French while the Flemings learned both in order to have a language of general use. Yet language has become such an emotional issue that many Flemings refuse to speak French at all and will turn to German or English to converse with foreigners.

On the other hand, Flemish families have been reluctant to let their children study French for fear that the young people will forget their culture. But the young people want to learn French or English because they are international languages, according to a young Flemish writer.

Despite the cultural connection with their Dutch-speaking neighbors to the north, the Flemish are not interested in having close ties to the Netherlands.

There is a similar coolness between the French and the Walloons, even though the two groups are closely related historically. French people think Walloons speak their language poorly, while the Walloons

think the French are arrogant.

While Wallonia and Flanders went their ways, Brussels developed into a multilingual city, spawning a local dialect made up primarily of French but including English, Flemish German and Yiddish. Public signs are in two languages—Mons-Bergen, Anvers-Antwerpen, Brussel-Bruxelles. Many residents speak at least two languages. Policemen are required to know four: French, Flemish, English and German.

The major conflicts in the language issue have taken place on the periphery of the city, where the French-speaking community meets a ring of Flemish-speaking suburbs and in national politics.

In French-speaking Schaerbeek, one of the 19 communities that make up greater Brussels, Mayor Roger Nols made a name for himself two years ago by limiting to one the number of public counters in city hall where Flemish was spoken. French-speakers had five and foreigners two.

On the other side of the city, in Overijse, the Flemish majority organized a campaign to persuade French-speakers to leave. The Flemings posted signs to intimidate the Walloons and tried to prevent them from attending a local community festival.

French-speaking employees at the National Savings Bank went on strike, contending that an agreement to divide the staff on the basis of 52.5 per cent Flemish-speakers and 47.5 per cent Francophones had not been carried out. Actually, the breakdown was 53.7 per cent Flemish and 46.22 Francophones.

Efforts to satisfy demands from both sides of the question—expressed by 10 national political parties, which are also divided by language—have produced a bloated public payroll.

But an even bigger bureaucracy and a new, fifth level of administration would be created under the Egmont Pact. It calls for dividing the country into three separate regions: Flanders, Wallonia and Brussels, each with powers surrendered by the national government. (LAT)



"...AND REMEMBER, IN AMERICA IT'S DANGEROUS TO DRINK TAP WATER."

Corporate power in America

By Nicholas Von Hoffman
WASHINGTON—

The portents are not good for those who fear the evolution of America into a one-party, one-ideology society, as a recent news item illustrates. The Gannett Company, a corporate newspaper chain of 75 newspapers and nearly three-million circulation, is in the process of acquiring Combined Communications Corp., which publishes the Oakland, Calif., Tribune, and the Cincinnati Enquirer, in addition to operating seven television and 13 radio stations and several outdoor advertising firms.

The degree of corporate concentration of mass media ownership is described by Ben Bagdikian in the June Progressive magazine: "The fifty largest broadcast chains already have three-quarters of the audience. The fifty largest cable television companies have two-thirds of all subscribers. The fifty largest newspaper chains have more than two-thirds of all daily newspaper sales."

Corporate newspaper chains aren't necessarily synonymous with bad journalism, though no newspaper generally regarded as great has ever been established by a corporate chain. But a group like Knight-Ridder (32 papers and almost 4 million circulation) has been known to buy an undistinguished property and upgrade it considerably.

Mostly, however, chains run bland, non-controversial organs, wherein care is taken not to arouse, excite, anger or disturb the reader. They may not do much good, but they don't do much harm and

they make pots of money for the stockholders.

What may change this is a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision endowing corporations with civil rights. Chief Justice Warren E. Burger said this is necessary lest corporate regulation be extended to corporations which print newspapers and operate broadcasting stations.

The effect of the decision, however, is to invite corporate America to buy communications properties and use them as a way around the laws limiting corporate participation in politics.

How can a conglomerate like Western Pacific Industries, Inc., be prevented from inundating the nation with propaganda if it is successful with its current takeover attempt of Houghton Mifflin, the book publishing company Western Pacific can skip around the laws relating to political advertising merely by printing what it wants to say in book form, distributing the books free or nearly so and claiming any interference is a violation of the corporation's right to a free press. But the opportunities to do this effectively through book publishing are nothing compared to what a corporation like GM could do by buying out a chain like Knight-Ridder.

As it is, Americans are getting almost as much pro-corporation claptrap stuffed down their throats as businessmen have dominated and controlled the boards of trustees of most of our colleges and universities since the turn of the century, the drive is on

to make these places even more institutions of indoctrination. Hence Kent State University actually has the poor taste to have accepted money to create a Goodyear (tire) Professorship of Free Enterprise.

The Wall Street Journal reports John Ward, holder of the not-so-academic title of director of free enterprise activities at Loyola University of Chicago, as saying 20 universities have or will have such professorships. Corporations like Dow and Ralston-Purina are sponsoring private enterprise contests for undergraduate students from 200 colleges.

At the same time that both school curriculum and mass media is being run from the board rooms of multi-billion dollar corporations, we're repeatedly told that anti-business opinions are being amplified everywhere. Who are these voices? Ralph Nader a dozen or so underfunded groups worrying about nutrition, ecology and occupational safety. If these few impecunious organizations die of starvation and lack of mass media access, there will be no voices to be heard other than those of the professors of free enterprise.

Woe betide anyone, whilst this universal Halleleluiah Chorus is being sung, who tries to do a much as return a defective toaster to the customer complaint department. The purchaser will have to apologize to the manufacturer and then choose between taking an adult education course in free enterprise or having his charge account cancelled. (KFS)

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aspirations.

The paper said that the Saudi attitude stems from a "profound belief that the Arab people are capable of occupying a prominent position in the world and to fight Zionist tyranny and other evil forces."

"Al-Medina" said that all the developments in the Arab world, before and after the October 1973 War "should only be viewed from the perspective of the Arab unity which united them and will always do so. There is no other alternative to a United Arab world," the paper said. "There is nothing worse than disunity."

"Al-Medina" discussed the Real Estate Development Fund, it said that when the fund was launched, the government promised borrowers to forfeit 20 per cent of the loan value "as a means of assisting the people to build more for themselves." The writer said that he was surprised to learn that the director of the fund says that there will be no foregoing of any of the loans. He said that this was not fair specially with regard to borrowers who had built homes for their own use and not to rent out. "These people deserve the original discount that the government of King Khaled was gracious enough to allow them."

Dealing with spiralling taxi fares in Jeddah, "Al-Medina" said that "not only is the fare prohibitively high, but the taxi drivers are rude and often refuse to stop." The paper said that despite the large number of taxis in Jeddah, "the fares are high and the service is bad."

Discussing sacrificial animals slaughtered during the pilgrimage and which are then allowed to go to waste, a leading religious commentator said in "Al-Medina" that steps should be taken to make use of the animals—numbering several hundred thousand head. He proposed, in the absence of government plans at this stage, that a group of charitable organizations be formed to save the meat, the skins, and other useable parts for distribution to poor Muslims around the world.

"Al-Bilad" said that "one pharmacy or two open at night is simply not enough for a large city like Jeddah," as prescribed by the ministry of health.

The writer said that at present the number of pharmacies open at night is too small and it invariably happens that the pharmacy open on one night is located in the extreme end of the town. "There should be one in every locality."

POSITIVE DEPARTURE ?

Whatever may be the final results of the Baghdad summit conference, the real test will be in implementing them. Fourteen years and eight summit conferences have taught the Arab masses not to pin too much hope on resolutions which have often meant nothing more than the ink and paper used to write them. To wit:

The first Arab summit conference in January, 1964, was devoted to confronting Israel's attempts to divert the waters of the River Jordan and it was followed by another summit in September the same year, in Alexandria after Israel had bombed and strafed Arab construction work. In September, 1965, in Casablanca, the final statement called for a treaty of solidarity and coexistence among the Arab regimes which never amounted to much. After the June War tragedy, the summit conference in Khartoum produced the famous "no peace, no negotiations and no recognition" of Israel. No sooner had the Arab leaders returned home than some of them started working against the Khartoum decisions and their efforts finally culminated in the Egyptian-Israeli negotiations. The summit conferences of Cairo in September, 1970, and Algeria in November, 1973, are best remembered as the conferences with nothing to remember by. The summit conference in Rabat a year later (October, 1974) was more important and yielded the principle that the Palestine Liberation Organization is the sole representative of the Palestinian people. Again, the PLO status was defied and resisted before the ink of the final resolution had dried. Then there was the Cairo summit conference of October, 1976, which succeeded for a while in stopping the Lebanese civil war but a final solution was not found and the war is still being fought intermittently.

Despite the glaring lesson of history, there remain a few perennially optimistic Arabs who insist, as they have done every time, that this time it will be different. They point out that the negotiations are objective and constructive and that the Arab leaders are actually trying to find a viable formula for future action instead of wasting time in insulting each other or indulging in meaningless and hypocritical rhetoric. The most interesting decision has been to postpone action against Egypt until (and if) it signs a peace treaty with Israel. Another meeting is scheduled in three months' time and the Arab leaders, before Sadat's snub, had hoped that they would succeed in persuading Egypt to give up the talks with Israel. This does not necessarily mean closing the door to peace. The Arab leaders have been careful in underlining their continued desire to achieve a peaceful settlement in the Middle East, but one which is honorable and which meets the minimum demands of the Arab peoples. Arab delegations, representing the summit conference, will soon visit world capitals to explain the decisions and assure world leaders that they have not chosen the war path.

Two decisions which should be easy to implement are the Arab fund to support the confrontation states and general Arab backing for a final settlement in Lebanon. Details will be worked out in further negotiations but there should be no serious obstacles.

The average Arab does not expect that all decisions will be implemented. But he hopes that he won't be completely disappointed again. If half the decisions taken are carried out it will be a positive departure from the past.

HAJJ MABROOR

The pilgrimage to Mecca is one of Islam's fundamental pillars and it is enjoined on all Muslims who are capable of performing it without having to suffer either extreme hardship or financial strain. Nearly a million Muslims visit Saudi Arabia every season specifically to perform this essential tenet of Islam. Another one million, Saudis and non Saudis resident here join them to create the largest Islamic gathering in the world.

This country has been honored by God in having Islam's holiest places in its land. It is a matchless privilege to be the custodians of the House of God in Mecca and the Prophet's Tomb in Medina.

Realizing the gravity of its responsibility, Saudi Arabia has risen to the occasion by sparing no effort to make the pilgrimage to Mecca as comfortable as possible. That is despite the difficulties that occur through there being two million people in the same place during so short a time.

It is not known exactly how much money has been invested in the Holy Places in Mecca, Arafat and Mina to make the pilgrimage as easy as possible. Whole mountains were razed to the ground, thousands of meters of roads built, existing roads demolished and widened several times over and bridges and flyovers built. The total bill must be staggering and no amount paid by pilgrims in fees or anything else can come anywhere near this enormous investment by the Kingdom for the benefit of the "guests of God."

This construction work is carried out before the arrival of the pilgrims. What goes on during the pilgrimage season is another triumph of organization and carte blanche expenditure. Manpower for various services is increased manifold. This includes police, traffic wardens, ambulance men, fire brigade personnel, doctors, nurses, postal, telephone and telegraphic staff, and numerous others who are pressed into service.

With two million people standing, praying and eating in one small area, it is gratifying for the Saudis, as it is comforting to the pilgrims, that few serious casualties result from the monumental congestion.

To those fortunate enough to be performing the pilgrimage this year we say "hajj mabroor" and to the thousands of Saudi officials who will be on duty during the pilgrimage we say the best of luck.

Israel's attack on an American spy ship: conspiracy?

"Conspiracy of Silence: The Attack on the USS Liberty" By Anthony Pearson. Quartet Books, London, 1978.

By Bob Lebling
Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON — "Conspiracy of Silence" is the first and only book ever to appear on the USS Liberty incident in the 11 years since Israeli air and naval forces devastated the American spy-ship in international waters during the 1967 Middle East war.

The attack on the Liberty — which Israel claims was a case of "mistaken identity" — was the worst "peace-time" disaster in U.S. naval history. Some 34 crewmen died and 171 were wounded. The attack so angered U.S. military leaders at the time that the Joint Chiefs of Staff ordered a retaliatory air strike against the Israeli naval base at Haifa — an order countermanded at the last minute by President Johnson.

And yet for all the official concern, media coverage of the attack was muted — some say as a result of a CIA-imposed news blackout — and there was virtually no press follow-up or investigative reporting into reasons for the attack.

Unlike its celebrated sister-ship, the Pueblo, the Liberty became the object of a "Conspiracy of Silence" which is only now beginning to unravel, thanks to the probing of Anthony Pearson and a handful of others.

Pearson's book — the outgrowth of a two-part article that appeared in "Fenthouse" magazine in 1976 — is in many ways a remarkable and tantalizing work. It is surprising not only for the mere fact that it was published, but also for the amazing but believable conclusions it draws about the Liberty incident and its aftermath.

Serious flaws
Unfortunately, though, the book is seriously flawed in several respects, making it an easy target for critics anxious to dismiss its rather startling findings.

The book gives the impression of being hastily written and poorly edited. It is replete

ANTHONY PEARSON

THE ATTACK ON THE U.S.S. LIBERTY



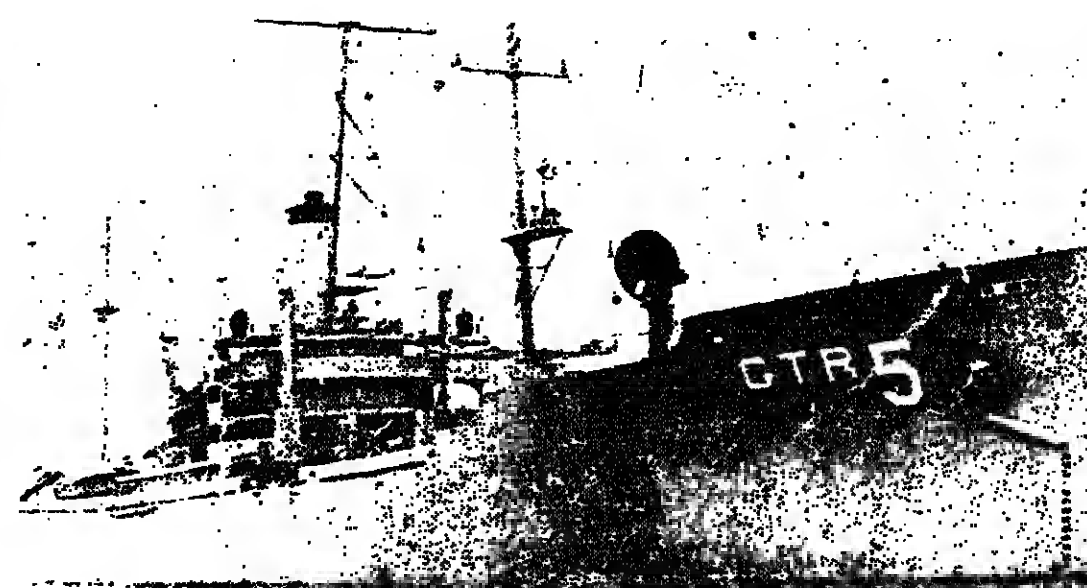
with minor factual errors that at the very least serve to irritate the informed reader and could lead some to question Pearson's journalistic professionalism.

In addition, too much of the book is sheer padding. Pearson is at his best when he delves into the political and strategic background behind the Liberty incident or graphically describes the actual attack on the electronics intelligence ship. He is at his worst when he recounts his personal experiences in connection with the Liberty story — "adventures" that take up more than half the book and are related in a self-serving

James Bondish narrative fashion which tends to undercut the serious theme of his work.

But despite these flaws, Pearson's book is worth reading — if only because of the new avenues of investigation he opens up.

Drawing on U.S. military and British intelligence sources — including an unnamed Pentagon general and a mysterious M16 operative called "Major McKenna" — Pearson constructs a fascinating strategic scenario for the Liberty incident, a scenario which if true would make the Israeli attack on the spy-ship far more significant than a mere "footnote in history," and which would help explain the information blackout surrounding the incident.



The USS Liberty spy ship, shown here before the attack

But it also had another mission, Pearson claims, in the unlikely event that Israel found itself losing the war.

U.S. intelligence experts believed Israel had a 90 per cent chance of emerging the victor in the 1967 conflict.

Secret sub
According to Pearson's sources, the Liberty had a dual mission when it took up its position off the Sinai coast. In addition to gathering surface intelligence by monitoring battlefield communications, the ship was serving as liaison for a U.S. nuclear submarine armed with Polaris missiles, on covert attachment to the American Sixth Fleet in the Mediterranean.

The submarine, identified by Pearson as the USS Andrew Jackson, lay several hundred feet below the Liberty, under special orders to maintain radio silence and hold its position unless instructed by President Johnson to abort its mission.

The Andrew Jackson's presence off the Egyptian coast was partly a response to the entry to two Soviet Echo-class missile subs into the Mediterranean earlier in the month.

Doomsday scenario
To avoid the possibility of a superpower clash, the United States worked out a contingency plan with the Russians, Pearson says.

Quoting the American general again: "If the war moved in any direction towards nuclear escalation we, as (guards) of Israel, would personally knock out all the Israeli missile sites and bomber assault bases and even airborne bombers to prevent the Soviets having to do it and to avoid confrontation."

This was the mission of the USS Andrew Jackson, the "shadow" of the ill-fated Liberty.

Pearson says the Israelis were unaware of the presence of the nuclear submarine. They attacked its liaison vessel, the Liberty, to prevent it from monitoring the Israeli invasion of the West Bank and its plans to overrun the Golan Heights.

According to Pearson, the United States had a secret agreement with Israel limiting the war to Egyptian front. American policymakers were hoping that an Israeli victory in Sinai would help unseat the "uncooperative" president of Egypt, Gamal Abdul Nasser.

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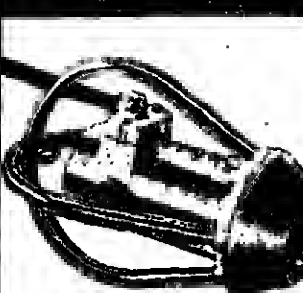
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Pearson's thesis is a fascinating one and deserving of further investigation by the press. It is regrettable that the book is so flawed in other respects that it runs the risk of being ignored.

But at least "Conspiracy of Silence" has broken the ice surrounding the Liberty affair. Now it is up to serious investigative journalists, particularly in the United States to press the case even further and hopefully come up with the definitive story.

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Islamic educational foundation launched in U.S.

From Our Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — A new educational foundation has been launched in the United States to promote the study of Islamic civilization — particularly its scientific achievements — and to stimulate the training of millions of scientists and engineers in the developing countries of the Islamic world. The Foundation for the Development of the Islamic World,

with headquarters in New York, has also announced its intention to serve as a technological "clearing house" for the transfer of Western technology to the Islamic states. The foundation, which was launched at an initial meeting of its board of directors in New York Sept. 13, is now in the process of incorporation, and expects to be an operating entity by the end of the year.

The non-profit organization is headed by Dr. Fazlur Rahman of the University of Chicago, a noted Islamic scholar who has authored numerous books and articles on Islamic history and society.

Also on the board of directors are a number of other prominent scholars, Islamic specialists and development scientists, among them:

— Dr. Muhammad Abdul Rauf, director of the Islamic Center in Washington, D.C.

— Dr. Clovis Maksoud, former Arab League envoy and now a fellow at Georgetown University's Center for Contemporary Studies.

— Dr. Ralph Braibanti, director of Islamic and Arabian Studies at North Carolina's Duke University.

— Dr. Farouk Senkari, a political scientist from the University of Wisconsin.

— Dr. Mansooruddin Ahmad, an Islamic specialist from Columbia University in New York, and

— Dr. Khosrow Mostofi, director of the Middle East Center at the University of Utah.

The foundation says it plans to focus its efforts on finding solutions to educational, cultural and technological problems in Muslim countries facing the tasks of modernization and urban-industrial development.

The organization's aim is to design "educational strategies" for developing countries in the Islamic world. The goal of these strategies is "ensure the creation of five to six million scientists and engineers in the nations of the Islamic world over the next 25 years," the foundation says.

At the same time, the Islamic

scholars hope to foster in the United States "an appreciation of the enormous and vastly underestimated contributions of classical Islamic civilization in philosophy, science and the arts to the foundation of the so-called Western Renaissance."

The foundation plans to seek technical and financial assistance from public, private and corporate sources both in the United States and in the Islamic world.

The organization will build its educational strategies for Islamic states on methods evolved by the great thinkers of classical Islam.

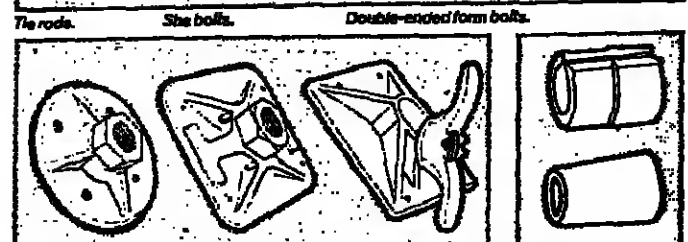
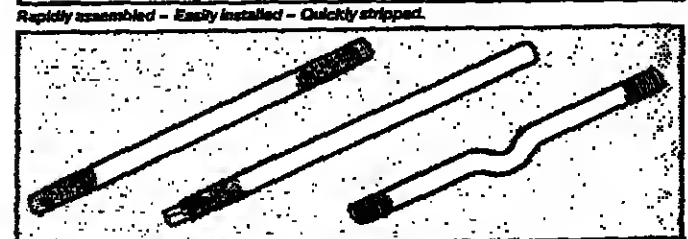
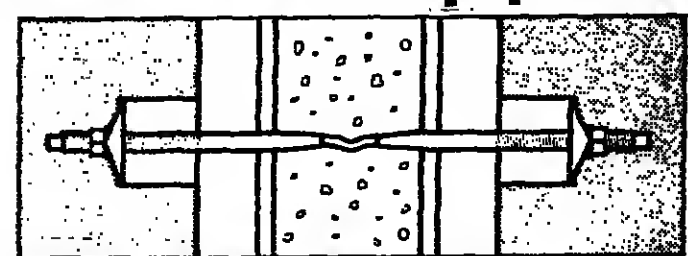
These techniques still represent "the most viable methods for communicating scientific concepts from teacher to student, particularly in the current Islamic context," the foundation notes.

The goal of devising strategies for the "most rapid possible training" of at least five million scientists and engineers in the Islamic countries is what is needed "to sustain the peoples now living in the area formerly under the domain of the Abbasid Caliphate in an environment industrially and technologically the equivalent of modern American society," the organization says.

The foundation, which also plans to publish English translations and new editions of classical Islamic works for use in American schools, hopes to attract "many top-level scholars in various fields" to assist in its endeavors.

In addition, the foundation will sponsor original research into Islamic civilization and its links with the West, and will publish a quarterly journal of Islamic studies.

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Driven to drink

JOHANNESBURG — Long distance truck driver Ronnie Meyer is undergoing hospital treatment here for a drinking problem with a difference.

Meyer, 23, of Mayfair, a Johannesburg suburb, does not imbibe his favorite drink — water — by the glassful, but by the jugful — up to two liters at a go.

His daily liquid consumption of 25 liters is nearly half the water consumption of a normal drinker during a month.

In the hospital here where he is being treated for his incredible thirst, Meyer said he

had managed to limit his daily intake to a "mere" 25 liters. He said he was at one time downing a phenomenal 70 to 80 liters a day.

In accounts in several newspapers, Meyer said his watery tale began four years ago after a car accident while he was doing his military training.

"I was taken to Wynberg military hospital, in Cape Town, where I was unconscious for four days," he said. "When I woke up I had this terrible thirst. I just drank and drank and drank, but I couldn't quench my thirst." (AP)

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Ivelino unveils skill

Ahli, Nasr held to upset draws

By David Smith
JEDDAH, Nov. 4: A week of shocks in the Saudi Premier League saw both Ahli and Al-Nasr drop points newly-promoted sides. But second-placed Al-Hilal made mistakes against Al-Kadasia in a Brazilian star Roberto Telino opening his account the Riyadh side in his second match.

Nasr was surprisingly held to a 1-1 draw by Al-Riyadh in Jeddah Friday. After the convincing win over Al-Itihad in Jeddah, Nasr must have expected an easier passage against the season's cup-finalist, but Al-Nasr's goal for Nasr was realized by Hamid Shamer, 31, the league leader could force the winner.

Comfortable

Hilal had a more comfortable passage against Damman's Al-Kadasia, as Rivelino side the first goal for Sultan Nasib and scored the second himself to complete a 2-0 story.

In Jeddah Thursday, Itihad

back on the winning track

th a 3-1 triumph over Al-

ehda. Coach Detmar Cra-

mer did not feel that it was a

good match, but must have been pleased with the victory after the midweek set-back against Nasr.

West German midfielder player Buecker headed the first goal, and striker Abu Samra added the second. Wehda missed a penalty before Tunisian Shagruo pulled one back for the Mecca side. Ahmad Bayit, coming on as a substitute for Abu Samra scored with his first kick of the ball to give the Jeddah side a 3-1 margin.

In the other game Friday Al-Itifaq recovered from its 5-0 defeat at the hands of Al-Ahli to beat Al-Nahda, 1-0, with a goal by international midfielder Saleh Khalfifa.

Ahli 2, Atayi 2
Ahli dropped a precious home point Friday despite a dramatic come-back in injury time. With Atayi 2-1 up and the full 90 minutes played, Ahli gained a free-kick on the left wing. Ahmad Saghir's kick into the penalty area was met by Amin Daboo and headed in.

The Atayi defense slumped to the ground in anguish, and the Jeddah support breathed a sigh of relief after a game in

which the Ahli had attacked throughout, but had been held at bay by a resolute Atayi.

With the game already in injury time, Ahli went straight into attack and the ball was sent out to full-back Fahd Eid on the right-wing. As his cross floated into the goalmouth, the referee's whistle went for full-time — seconds before Daboo's header bounced into the Ahli net for what would have been a dramatic winner.

Pandemonium
For a few minutes pandemonium reigned, but when the dust settled the decision was a clear no goal and a draw.

Up to the late flurry, Ahli had been off-form in front of goal. Tarek Diab had a quiet game and the Jeddah side lost some of its attacking power after Imad Khojaly had to be helped from the field with a leg injury in the 60th minute. The first Atayi goal came after 13 minutes in its first venture into the Ahli penalty area. A through pass was being chased by an Atayi forward when Wahid Johar was adjudged to have pushed him off the ball, and Salsabuddin made no mistake with the penalty kick. The Jeddah side returned to the attack and Tarek, Khojaly and Daboo all went close with long shots. In the first half Ahli forced five corners in three minutes and it looked a matter of time before a goal arrived.

But it came at the other end. The Ahli defense was caught out in a sharp breakaway. The ball broke loose at the edge of the area and Salsabuddin was on hand to crack home a right-foot shot for his second goal.

Fulham downed

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AP)—Jack Garner scored his first goal in English League soccer Friday night to give Blackburn Rovers a 2-1 upset win over Fulham in the Second Division and a third victory in 14 league games.



LOSER: American Jimmy Connors on the way to his 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 surprise loss to Brian Teacher, 23, of California in the second round of the Seiko Super tennis tournament in Tokyo last week.

Wade outlasts Austin

Britain, U.S. tied in Wightman Cup

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AP) — Tracy Austin won one and lost one Friday night as the women's tennis teams of the United States and Britain were tied at two matches all in the Wightman Cup.

The 15-year-old U.S. prodigy won the first set but failed to last the pace in her singles duel with Virginia Wade, the 1977 Wimbledon champion. The British captain won, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.

Austin then teamed up with Billie Jean King in a 6-2, 4-6, 6-2, doubles win over Sue Mappin and Anne Hobbs.

The series was wide open as the two teams headed for the final three matches — two singles and a doubles — to be played late Saturday evening.

Austin, the youngest girl ever to play for the United States in the cup, appeared unaffected by the gruelling ups and downs of the night's work in London's vast Albert Hall. After losing to Wade and

refreshed by a 30-minute break, she played the doubles full of vigor and finally partnered King to victory on the stroke of midnight. Each match lasted two hours.

Austin started confidently against Wade, closing up the first set in 28 minutes. Wade's backhand gave her a lot of trouble, and the little American girl looked set for victory.

But the English player used her greater experience to win a seesawing second set in 48 minutes. Austin fought back from 1-4 to 4-4 after winning only seven points in the first five games.

Asian tourney requires cash

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia Nov. 4 (AP)—The fourth Asian Table Tennis Championship is scheduled to open in two weeks, but its organizers said Saturday they still lack \$138,000 to meet expenses.

Soviet chess champion set to check Americans

BUENOS AIRES, Nov. 4 (R) — The Soviet Union, ahead in the world chess Olympiad, was taking no chances in its eighth-round match with the United States Friday night.

Former world champions Boris Spassky and Tigran Petrosian, given a rest Thursday were brought out against the American side, in second place after eight days' play. The Soviet Union led by 1.5 to 0.5 when games were adjourned Friday. Spassky drew with Kavalek, while Petrosian adjourned against Browne.

The Soviet Union has won every chess Olympiad it has entered.

It widened its lead to one point after beating Bulgaria 2.5 to 1.5 Thursday and stood with 19.5 points, followed by the United States and Denmark with 18.5 at the end of the seventh round.

The fourth place was shared by West Germany, Bulgaria and Poland with 18 points.

England, Hungary, Cuba and Argentina shared seventh place with 17.5; followed by Yugoslavia and France with 17 points.

Denmark was playing Cuba in the eighth, while England was trailing a strong Hungarian team, 1-2, its bid to regain the top spot it briefly shared

with the Russians three days ago.

The English players Thursday fell to Poland 2.5 to 1.5. Raymond Keene lost his adjourned game to Kuligowski Friday, and Mestel drew his adjourned game with Sznapik.

Romania was leading Bulgaria, 1-0. Poland was 2-1 up on Yugoslavia when eighth-round games were adjourned Friday night.

Switzerland, boosted by the inclusion of Soviet exile Viktor Korchnoi on its first board, led 1.5 — 1 Friday.

Tanzania halts sports activity

DAR ES SALAAM, Nov. 4 (R) — All sports competitions in Tanzania have been suspended because of the border conflict with Uganda, it was announced Saturday.

The ruling party newspaper "Uhuru" commented: "The work which now faces Tanzanians is no joke. It is a matter of life and death. It is improper to have Tanzanians enjoying sport while others are sacrificing their lives in defense of the rights of the nation."

Big money and Italy's basketballers

By Steve Kettle
ROME, Nov. 4—Sponsoring sport has long been big business in Italy and a prime target for firms willing to part with large amounts of cash is basketball, where Italian teams have scored major international successes.

Keeping alive the 24 sides in the men's first division here costs companies more than six billion lire (\$7.5 million) a year.

Italian champion "Varese Basket", winner of the European Champions' Cup five times, can offer European pub-

licity to anyone willing to pay its price.

At the end of last season the furniture firm of Mobilgigi balked at another year's 400 million lire (\$500,000) of sponsorship and television manufacturer Emerson took over Varese for an undisclosed sum.

The boost given the sport had made it highly lucrative business for the players.

Dino Meneghin, a Varese player for 10 years and one of Europe's top pivots, is reputed to earn a basic 40 mil-

lion lire (\$50,000) a year from basketball, plus substantial prize money, and to be in line for a big payoff when he retires from the game.

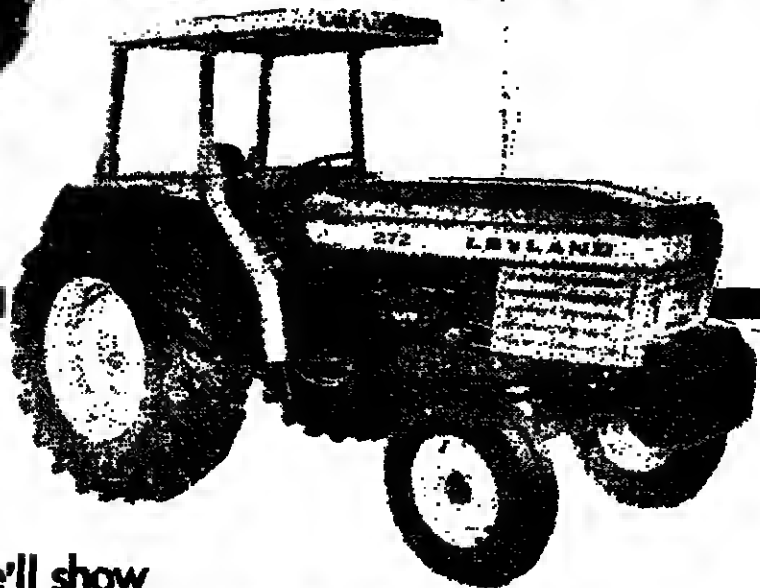
The money involved in basketball is only one instance of big sports sponsorship here.

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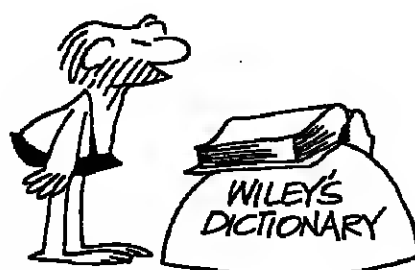
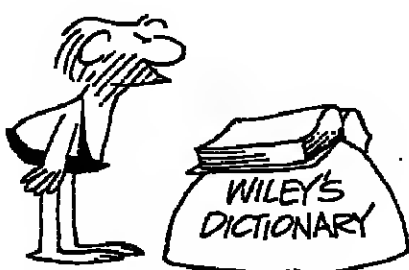
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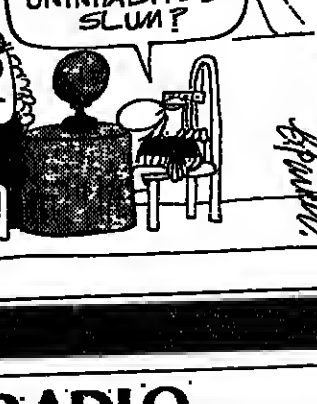
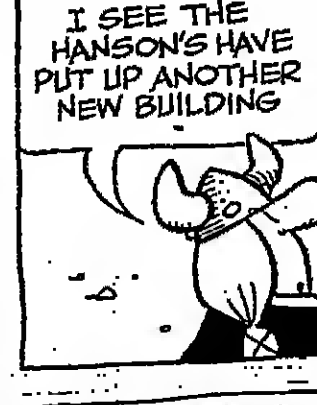
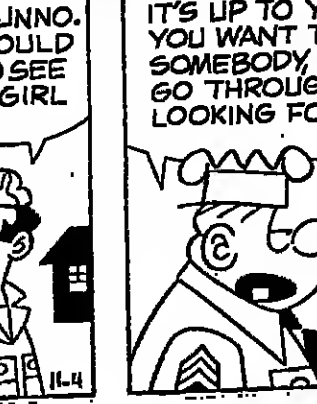
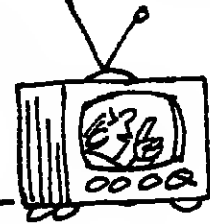
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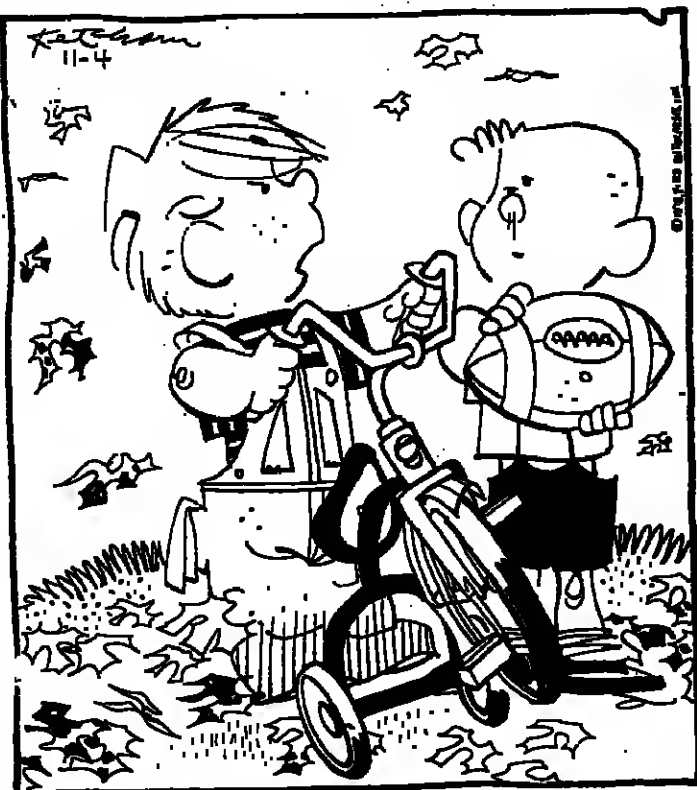


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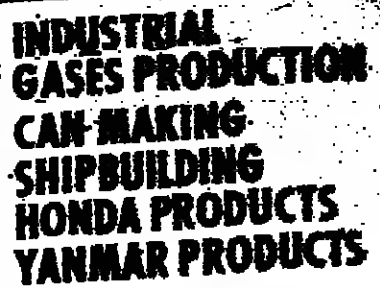


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	Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 1	Oct. 31	Oct. 30	Oct. 27	A year ago
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Banco de Bilbao	10	%	C. Moore & Co.	25	%
Bank of Credit & Commerce	10	%	Julian N. Hodge	1	%
Bank of Cyprus	10	%	Hong Kong & Shanghai	10	%

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November 3 Range NEW YORK EXCHANGES OFFERING

USA	17,900-17,938	STG	1,9720-1,9799
Canada	2,004-2,005	BFR CUN	29,46-39,469
France	8,790-8,8100	STG	1,9720-1,9799
Belgium	88,45-88,46	FFR	4,180-4,1899
Italy	164,00-164,09	LIT	9,30-9,3099
Holland	3,200-3,2200	FFR	4,180-4,1899
Switzerland	3,700-3,7500	LIT	9,30-9,3099
W. Germany	3,700-3,7500	FFR	4,180-4,1899
Denmark	10,200-10,209	DKK	1,620-1,6299
Norway	6,000-6,0000	NOR	1,620-1,6299
Sweden	10,200-10,209	SEK	1,620-1,6299
Austria	27,30-27,35	FFR	4,180-4,1899
Portugal	142,28-142,30	FFR	4,180-4,1899
Spain	371,8-372,89	FFR	4,180-4,1899
Japan	371,8-372,89	FFR	4,180-4,1899

Japanese Yen	188.900
Swiss Franc	1.6307

INTEREST RATES							
أسعار فوائد الـأوربية							
U.S. Dollar	Dutch Guilder	Swiss Franc	W. German Mark	French Franc	Italian Lira	Asian Dollar	Japanese Yen
3-6 M.	9.9 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	7-7 1/2	6-12		-7 1/2-10 1/2
6-9 M.	9.9 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	7-8	12-14	9.75-11.50	9 3/4-10 1/2
9-12 M.	9.9 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	7-8 1/2	14-17 1/2	10.50-12.00	10 1/2-11 1/2
1-2 Y.	10-10 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	10-10 1/2	17-19	11.50-12.50	11 1/2-12 1/2
2-3 Y.	10-10 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	10-11	16-17 1/2	11.50-12.25	11 1/2-12 1/2
3-5 Y.	10-10 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	10-11 1/2	15-16 1/2	11.50-12.25	11 1/2-12 1/2
5-7 Y.	10-10 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	10-11 1/2	15-16 1/2	11.50-12.25	11 1/2-12 1/2
7-10 Y.	10-10 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	10-11 1/2	15-16 1/2	11.50-12.25	11 1/2-12 1/2
10-15 Y.	10-10 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	10-11 1/2	15-16 1/2	11.50-12.25	11 1/2-12 1/2
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20-25 Y.	10-10 1/2	1/16-3/16	3-3 1/2	10-11 1/2	15-16 1/2	11.50-12.25	11 1/2-12 1/2
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BASIC MATERIALS			
November 31 commodity prices			
COCOA	Today's	Previous	
	Closing	Closing	
	per tonne		
December	1957	1953	December
January	1976	1976	January-March
February	2023	2023	April-June
May	2033	2030	July-September
July	2035	2034	October-December
September	2033	2030	January-March
December	2005	1999	April-June
March	1998	1985	July-September

	\$ per 50 Kilos	Cont.
August	UNQ	December
	UNQ	March

October	UNQ	UNQ	May
December	UNQ	UNQ	August
February	UNQ	UNQ	October
April	UNQ	UNQ	December
June	UNQ	UNQ	March
August	UNQ	UNQ	

Today's Closing	Previous Closing	WOOL	Today's	Previous	COPPER	Today's Closing	Previous Closing
		Australian					¢ per lb case

Pence per Kiln	Greasy Wool	Claing	Pence per Kiln	Claing	Nivesters	774.50	775.00		
64.45	64.75	227.0	228.0	Cash	—	—	—		
66.20	66.20	236.0	235.0	Three months	—	—	—		
68.90	68.90	235.0	235.0	Settlement	754.50	—	—		
71.20	71.20	238.6	241.0	Cash	741.90	741.50	—		
73.25	73.25	245.0	248.0	Three months	761.50	760.00	—		
75.45	75.45	245.0	248.0	Settlement	741.50	—	—		
77.60	77.60	246.0	248.0						
79.35	79.35	247.0	250.0						
GRAINS									
	Today's Closing	Yesterday's Closing	Barley Yesterday's Closing	TIN					
	£ per tonne	£ per tonne	£ per tonne	Today's Closing	Previous Closing				
				£ per tonne	£ per tonne				
November	87.85	87.70	87.70	Standard	8030	8050			
January	89.85	82.58	82.58	Cash	781.15	782.0			
March	92.25	81.50	81.50	Three months	8050	—			
May	94.55	86.30	86.30	Settlement	—	—			
September	99.15	93.90	93.90	High Grade	8030	8050			
				Cash	7760	7760			
				Three months	8050	—			
				Settlement	—	—			
BASIC MINERALS									
(Official Close)									
SILVER									
	Today's Closing	Previous Closing	LEAD						
	£ per ounce	£ per ounce	Cash	Today's Closing	Previous Closing				
Cash	—	—	Three months						
Three months	—	—	Settlement	433.50	434.00				
Settlement	—	—		434.00	—				
ALUMINIUM									
	Today's Closing	Previous Closing	ZINC						
	£ per tonne	£ per tonne	Cash	Today's Closing	Previous Closing				
Three months	—	—	Three months						
			Settlement	—	—				

LONDON GOLD

November 3

3.00 p.m. fix	\$215.20
	\$210.85

DOW JONES CLOSING STOCK AVERAGES

	November 2		
30 Industrials ..	\$16.96	DN 10.83	or 1.31%
30 Transport ..	215.04	DN 3.99	or 1.82%
15 Utilities	98.48	DN 8.10	or 0.10%

**DOW JONES
11.00 a.m. STOCK AVERAGES**

	November 3		
30 Industrials ..	\$16.61	DN 0.35	or 2.04%
28 Transport ..	226.06	UP 1.02	or 0.47%
15 Utilities	98.34	DN 0.14	or 0.14%
	207.39	UP 0.71	or 0.34%

Alvetti Ord.	1900	1900	Norway	6.830
Alvetti Priv.	1325	1325	Denmark	10.290
Norrel	563	553	Austria	27.1

Frell & Co	198	—	Thailand	98
Frell S.P.A.	967	—	Portugal	142
Glancote	56.25	—	Spain	371.9
Gila	659	—	Japan	
Grin Viscosa	761	—		
Net	1790	—		

UNQ = Unquoted.
SUSP = Suspended.

EURO-CURRENCY INTEREST RATES

Three months	13-13½	11½-11¾	9 15/16-10 5/10	9-9½	10-10½
Six months	13½-14	11 13/16-12 1/169	15/16-10 5/16	8½-9	10½-11

The following nominal rates were quoted for London dollar certificates of deposit: One month 11.65-11.73 per cent; one year 11.75-11.83 per cent; two years 11.85-11.95 per cent; three years 12.00-12.10 per cent; four years 12.15-12.25 per cent; five years 12.30-12.40 per cent.

9000	LIT	2.549-2.639
3100	DFL	2.049-2.099
45	SFR	1.629-1.679

30	DNIN	1.2618-1.2690
2.40	VEN	1.82.00-1.82.30
2.89	AL S. SCH	(unavailable)
	DKR	5.2775-5.2790
	NKR	5.0150-5.0200
	PORT	(unavailable)

press, three months 25-35 pems. six months
press, twelve months 110-135 pems.

ملحوظات القارئ

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10 ² -11	16 ¹ -17 ¹	12 ¹ -14-12.3	5 7:10
11 ¹ -11 ²	17 ¹ -17 ²	13 ¹ -16 17.3 20	32

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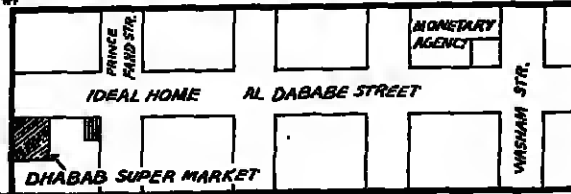
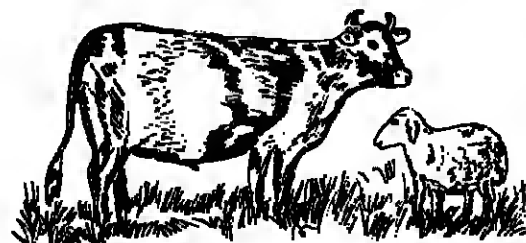
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Late News

Indira blames opposition for violence in campaign

CHIKMAGALUR, India, Nov. 4 (AP) — Former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, hoping to re-enter India's parliament in a by-election here, said Saturday that the ruling Janata Party has brought outsiders to provoke violence in this normally quiet rural district.



Indira Gandhi

"In some places where I was stood, it was obvious that they were out local people," she told reporters on the eve of Sunday's voting.

Earlier, the national ruling party accused Mrs. Gandhi's supporters, including among them local police forces, of unleashing violence which left one young woman dead and scores of Janata workers and reporters injured.

Scattered clashes between campaign workers of the opposing sides were reported Saturday in remote villages of the sprawling district of coffee plantations and forests, 1,100 miles south of New Delhi. Injuries were described as numerous but minor.

The 60-year-old opposition leader, who cancelled scheduled appearances and successfully dodged the press during the last two days of campaigning, called a news conference at a remote coffee plantation 10 miles north of here to counter Janata allegations against her.

Mrs. Gandhi, who ruled India for 11 years, is wooing voters for the first time since her defeat in March of 1977.

In meeting reporters, she exhibited none of the strain from what has been the most arduous campaign of her political career.

Chikmagalur was earlier considered a safe district for Mrs. Gandhi because of past voting trends. Both sides now predict victory and observers still give the former prime minister an edge over Janata candidate Veerendra Patil.

Patil's campaign manager, Industry Minister George Fernandes who has the advantage of fluency in the local Kannada language, hammered away at abuses of power documented during the 1975-77 state of emergency.

Patil believes he has overtaken Mrs. Gandhi. A Janata rally Thursday evening drew about 25,000 persons, considered large for Chikmagalur and larger than any of Mrs. Gandhi's gatherings.

"I think I will win now," Patil said. "My style has been effective."

Mrs. Gandhi firmly defied the emergency, which she said was declared to counter threats to India and its democratic system. During the 19-month period, thousands of critics including Fernandes were jailed, millions reportedly sterilized by force and strict press censorship imposed.

Mrs. Gandhi called the emergency "bitter medicine for a short time." She told reporters that the combination of circumstances that necessitated certain strong measures cannot possibly recur.

"What (Janata leaders) are blaming us for during the emergency they are doing with a vengeance now," she said.

Mrs. Gandhi herself is on bail in a criminal case accusing her of corrupt practices in procuring jobs for the 1977 election campaign and in a contempt case for refusal to testify to a probe commission. The government also says it will prosecute her, elected or not, on charges of illegally assuming emergency powers in 1975.



A BIRD IN THE HAND: A hovering plastic hawk protects a field of late strawberries. The bird is effective over a test-acre area. It hovers on the end of a 14 foot pole. It has also proved useful at busy airports.

Late penalty kick saves Liverpool's home record

LONDON, Nov. 4 (R) — A late penalty by substitute Terry McDermott preserved English First Division leader Liverpool's unbeaten home League record against Leeds United Saturday.

McDermott, who came on in the 55th minute for Scottish international Graeme Souness, equalized a first half John Hawley goal nine minutes from the end. Phil Neal had earlier missed from the penalty spot for Liverpool.

The European champion's nearest challenger Everton and Nottingham Forest drew 0-0 at Forest's City ground to remain the only unbeaten sides in the league.

The draw — Forest's eighth in 13 League games — stretches the League champions' remarkable unbeaten League run to 39 games.

McDermott's late saver kept Liverpool two points clear at the top of the division and Everton, which ended its Merseyside neighbor's unbeaten League record last week, stays second.

But Forest loses its third spot to West Bromwich, 1-0, winners over bottom club Birmingham City.

Liverpool, who went into the match boasting the impressive statistics of 20 goals for and only one against in six successive home League wins, fell behind in the 18th minute.

England's Phil Thompson made a mess of a backpass and Hawley took the half round goalkeeper Ray Clemence to

score. Temper became frayed after this and Leeds' players Paul Madeley, Paul Hart, Trevor Cherry and Tony Currie and Liverpool's David Johnson were all booked.

Liverpool's first penalty came in the 39th minute, when Johnson was held by Hart. Neal, England's full back, drove the spot kick against the post.

Forest, which crushed AEK Athens 5-1 in a European cup tie, on Wednesday, was unable to carry on the good work against Everton, and it needed more than a little luck to keep its long, unbeaten run intact.

There was no shortage of goals at Highbury where Arsenal beat Ipswich 4-1 despite a missed penalty by Liam Brady. Republic of Ireland international Frank Stapleton was the Londoners' hero with a hat trick, his first since joining Arsenal in 1973.

Evert swamps Wade in 2 sets

LONDON, Nov. 4 (AP) — Chris Evert beat Virginia Wade 6-0 6-1 Saturday and sent her tennis team to a 3-2 lead over Britain in the Wightman Cup (earlier story page 8).

Two more matches remained, and the Americans needed to win only one of them to retain the trophy.

Evert played some of the finest tennis of her career before a sellout crowd of 7,000 at London's Albert Hall. She lost eight points in the first set, which lasted only 21 minutes.

Although Wade fought bravely in the second set, urged on by the crowd, she found no answers to the relentless attack of the American star.

Wade looked amazed by Evert's complete control. At 4-1 in the second set Evert hit yet another winner and Wade looked upwards and announced: "I have days like this."

French seamen to end walkout

PARIS, Nov. 4 (AP) — French merchant seamen agreed Saturday to end the 15-day strike that has tied up the nation's ships during the current state of labor unrest.

Files of garbage bags continued to dot the streets of Paris, though, as the city and striking sanitation workers still were unable to reach agreement.

Paris train services remained disrupted as well, with many cancellations and delays owing to a slowdown strike by railway workers.

The verbal agreement ending the dock strike followed police interventions at Le Havre and Marseilles.

China wins U.S. commitment for combined energy projects

PEKING, Nov. 4 (R) — China and the United States have agreed to cooperate on a wide range of projects in the energy field, Energy Secretary James Schlesinger announced Saturday.

Schlesinger, who arrived in Peking on Oct. 24, told a news conference that agreement had been reached in talks with Chinese officials on a list of possible cooperative projects including coal, oil, gas, hydroelectric and nuclear power.

Asked how many of the proposed projects could go ahead before the normalization of relations between China and the United States, Schlesinger said: "I think the bulk of these can go forward."

John Deutsch, who headed the American technical team at the talks, said the Chinese had been highly enthusiastic about cooperation in the fields of coal and hydro-electricity.

Possible projects included U.S. participation in the development of open cast mines with an overall capacity of 20 million tons of coal a year, U.S. participation in making coal mining machinery in China, and in construction of a hydroelectric dam in the Yangtze gorge with an ultimate capacity of 25,000 to 30,000 megawatts.

The agenda also covered resources, with a proposal that a Chinese fact-finding mission should visit the U.S. early next year and increased technical exchanges in high-energy physics, including joint research projects in nuclear physics and magnetic fusion.

"Many of these actions are actions that can be taken by the United States government and therefore we expect that they will go forward. Other actions depend upon the private sector in the United States and consequently, while we trust that they may go forward, we cannot give assurances at this time," Schlesinger said.

Asked about methods of pay-



James Schlesinger

ment, he said the Chinese had "indicated that all of this would be on a compensation basis. He declined to give further details."

Deutsch said, "The whole basis of this cooperation would be on a pay-as-you-go basis—they would pay for those projects in which they are interested."

Schlesinger said his visit "represents another major step in improved U.S.-China relations."

Uganda claims to repel major Tanzania assault

NAIROBI, Nov. 4 (AP) — Tanzanian soldiers staged a 15-hour "heavy attack" against Ugandan positions along the Kagera River in northwestern Tanzania, minutes after invading Ugandans blew up the strategic Taka Bridge. Radio Uganda said Saturday.

The attack by embattled Tanzania began at 5 p.m. local time 1400 GMT Friday around the bridgehead town of Kyaka and lasted until 8 a.m. Saturday, the broadcast said.

Additional details of the battle or its outcome were not disclosed in the broadcast monitored here, but Radio Uganda quoted President Idi Amin as indicating the attack failed.

"The Ugandans did not waste even one bomb because they were joking and laughing at them (the Tanzanians) while, at the same time, they were smoking and drinking Ugandan coffee," Amin reportedly said.

Radio Uganda said Amin made the remark while congratulating Ugandan civilian engineers who helped blow up the bridge Friday afternoon.

The Taka Bridge is the only crossing over the Kagera River, which runs east from the Uganda-Tanzania-Rwanda border, to Lake Victoria.

Amin Wednesday declared the river the new boundary between Tanzania and the 1,750 square-kilometers of territory in northwestern Tanzania annexed by his troops.

earlier this week. Since Uganda invaded, Tanzania has been gearing for a major counter-offensive against Ugandan soldiers.

Employers were ordered to submit the names of workers with prior military training, tanks and armored cars were reportedly being rushed to the Kyaka battlefield from elsewhere in the country and trucks and buses were being requisitioned for ferrying of troops and supplies.

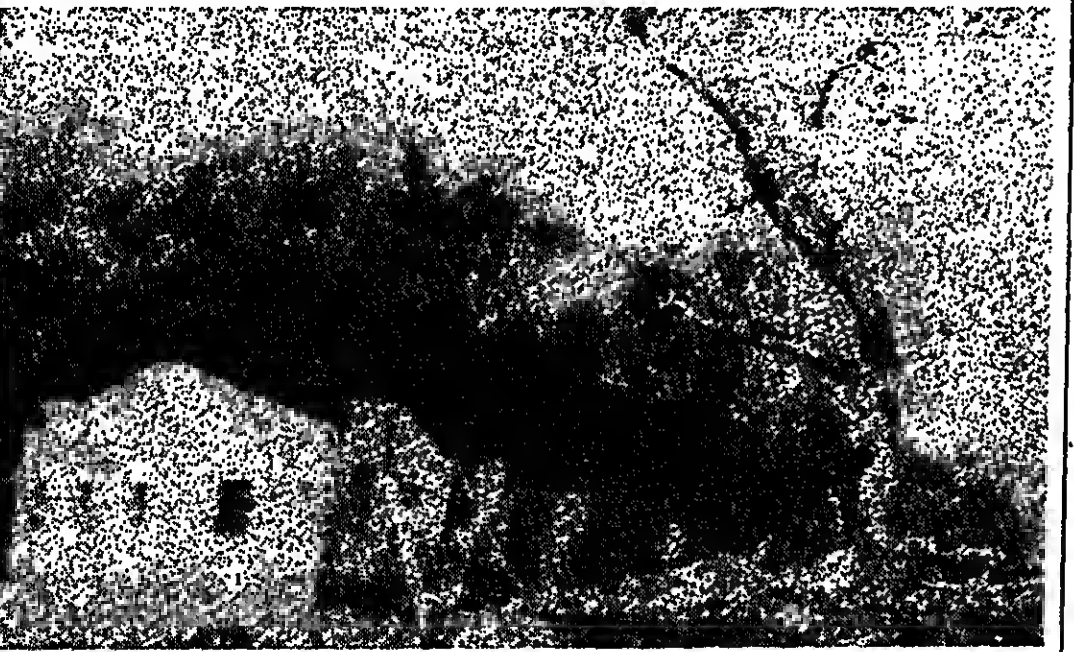
Between 5,000-6,000 army veterans in Dar es Salaam were ordered to begin weapons courses starting Monday.

"We have the capacity to hit him back. We have the mission to hit back at him and we have the determination to hit back at him," President Nyerere said.

Reports of Tanzania's apparently futile assault have not been confirmed by Tanzanian authorities, who have released sparse communications on the war situation.

It was not immediately clear if the Tanzanian attack was the major counter-offensive anticipated or merely a heavy response to Uganda's blowing up of the Taka Bridge Friday.

The Kagera River is 50 meters wide, with steep banks and is reportedly surging with water from East Africa's monsoon rains. The bridge, which runs south to north, was the only span across the river.



CHIKUMB: A picture supplied by the East German news agency ADN shows damaged houses and destroyed trees in the Patriotic Front camp of Chikumbi, Zambia, attacked by Rhodesian jets Thursday.

Rhodesia has routed enemy, supreme commander asserts

SALISBURY, Nov. 4 (R) — Rhodesia's military commander, Lieut.-Gen. Peter Walls, said Saturday his forces had turned the corner in their war against the Patriotic Front and had sent guerrillas reeling back in some areas.

In an interview with Reuters, Walls said guerrillas had no answer to the martial law which has been imposed on almost half of Rhodesia.

"I think the situation is serious in that you have several thousand terrorists in the country who are killing black people at a rate of knots, attacking white people at a greater rate than before, and attacking economic targets and so on," he said.

"But I think we have turned the corner away from this rather serious outlook." Martial law had increased co-

operation between black civilians and troops, destroyed guerrilla lines of intelligence and supply in certain areas and "has helped put us on the up-and-up. For example, ZIPRA has gone reeling back in some areas."

Walls also said: — The transitional government had persuaded more than 2,000 Patriotic Front guerrillas to join its side.

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livelihood would be replaced by Jews. We should support the people of the occupied land," King Hussein said. "They should be helped to stand fast in their land."

The King added that there should be full coordination, both economic and military, among all Arab states, particularly the frontline states, including Jordan, and urged the development of the intrinsic capabilities of each state in cooperation with the proposed national fund.

The King advocated efforts to realize a just and comprehensive peace "because what has been achieved so far is insufficient as it does not cover the Golan Heights and the West Bank. (The King did not refer to the Camp David accord by name).

The King warned against Israeli expansionist ambitions and said that they were "unlimited" and called for a serious and well-studied approach

and judicious use of the proposed national fund "to ward off dangers and stand up to intrigues."

Sadat

after Sadat refused to meet the delegation.

President Sadat's defiant gesture left the summit with little choice but to adopt radical proposals for ostracizing Egypt, summit sources said.

The Baghdad summit was now expected to go into a fourth day Sunday.

It was also expected to condemn the Egyptian-Israeli peace agreements in language stronger than that in previous statements by the conservative Arab group.

The mission to Cairo was a last-ditch attempt by the conservatives to try to delay any anti-Egyptian action.

Violence

off of Iranian supplies.

"I do not think that any exceptional action is needed for the time being," the minister said in an interview with the "Middle East Economic Survey," a weekly oil review.

Asked whether Saudi Arabia would change its own regulations, pegging production at 8.5 million barrels per day, to offset the shortfall caused by the Iranian cutoff, Yamani said "our production has been very low — around 7.5 million barrels per day for the first nine months of the year."

"So if the Aramco companies want to, they can produce at a much higher rate in the next couple of months — say between nine and ten million barrels per day — and still keep within the ceiling," he added.

Iranian oil production has been disrupted by a series of strikes and the current political upheaval in the country.

Should the Iranian cutoff result in a critical situation, "Saudi Arabia will look the matter either individually, or preferably together with our colleagues in OPEC," Yamani said.

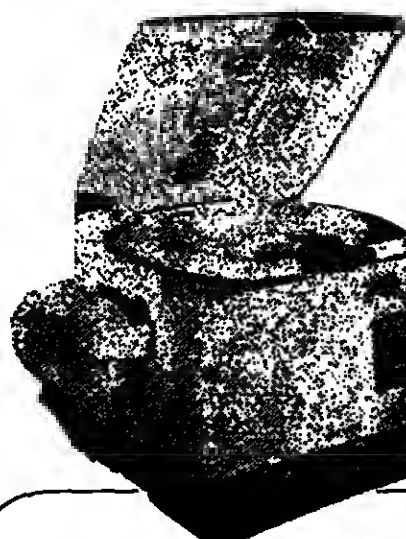
"In either case we will ensure that the interests of Iran will be preserved," he added.

Israeli

not attended by U.S. delegates.

Some observers here said that the U.S. reserve was due to the fact that the two sides were moving possibly faster than the Washington administration had felt wise and were not always taking into consideration the global needs of the U.S.

They said the coolness may also have been intended as a sign of U.S. displeasure at Israeli reaction to Sauber's remarks about West Bank settlements and the status of East Jerusalem.



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